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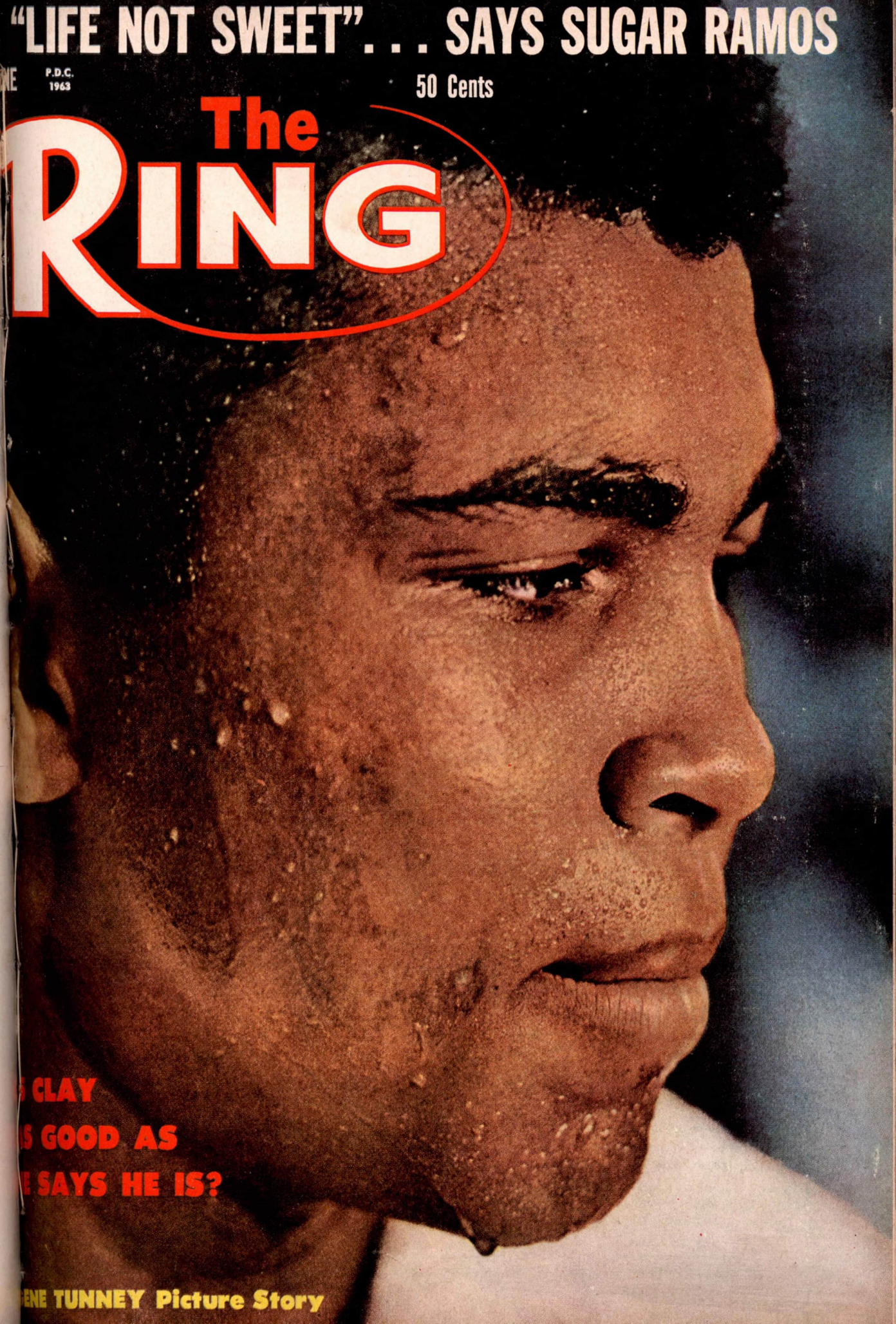

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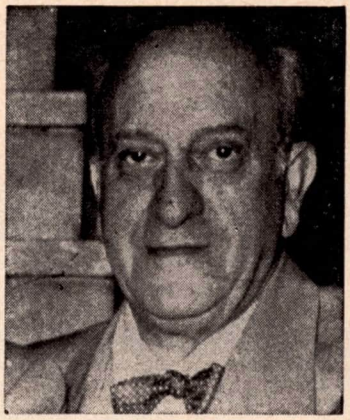

The latest trial of professional boxing in New York has been completed. A reprieve has been granted the sport by the New York State Joint Legislative Committee, pending the outcome of additional legislation to heighten the safety of boxers.

The outcry for the abolition of the sport by some lawmakers has been halted. Boxing is safe in New York, unless another severe injury or a fatality rekindles public ire. It is a continuing situation. But New York enthusiasts are thankful for the support boxing has obtained from the committee.

No time was wasted by the New York Commission in acting on the report of the Legislative Committee and embodying in its regulations some of the major recommendations, pending legislative action on these.

Among the immediate moves was the elimination of six ounce gloves from all contests, including championship fights.

In addition, the mandatory 8 count and the automatic finish of a contest following three knockdowns in any round, title bouts included, no longer may be waived.

Such regulations already have been enforced in several states and as many knockouts and injuries have occurred as under the older rules. But their adoption is far better than the abolition of the sport. It is worth a trial universally.

As an experiment, New York also has adopted the old amateur rule of two minute rounds. For the time being, all four round preliminary contests will be fought on that basis.

Still another experiment pertains to the use in rings of four ropes instead of three, a practice in use in the Philippine Islands for the past two months, and originally introduced in Manila by Boxing Chairman Justiano Montiano following the death of three boxers in 1963 in his country.

The New York hearings brought forth little that was new. However, the recommendations made by Assemblyman Hayward Plumadore's committee should carry considerable weight with every boxing commission. Whatever is being experimented with in New York should be given consideration elsewhere.

What the ultimate results will be, remains to be seen. One thing is certain. The committee's voluminous report, which covers hundreds of pages, should stifle the cry of those who seek the abolition of a worthy sport which furnishes entertainment to millions of enthusiasts on television, thousands of them shutins.

Among the items which meet with disapproval is that calling for elimination of bandages. Boxing in the raw tends to bring the sport back to the bare-knuckle days. If adopted by the New York Legislature as part of the revised Walker Law, we would have a period of bare-knuckle fights with gloves.

The fact that the bandages do not cover the knuckle portion of the hand apparently has not been considered by the Legislators. The bandages merely cover the wrists and fingers in order to prevent motion that might cause a breakage of bones.

Bandages do not aid a fighter in so far as his punching power is concerned. Minus bandages, knockouts would not be reduced.

The adoption of this recommendation would cause considerable injury to the hands of the boxers.

The recommendation concerning the use of 10 ounce or 12 ounce gloves is one that should be ignored since the larger the surface of the gloves the greater the chance of injury. The gloves become water-logged during a fight and pick up considerable weight.

I have collected gloves used in championship fights and found that the six ounce gloves invariably gained two to four ounces through drenching.

The current rules make eight ounce gloves mandatory in all except championship fights, in which six ounce gloves have been used. The adoption by the Commission of the eight ouncers for all contests, including title fights, should answer the purpose.

I agree with the Commission in temporarily refusing to accept the committee's

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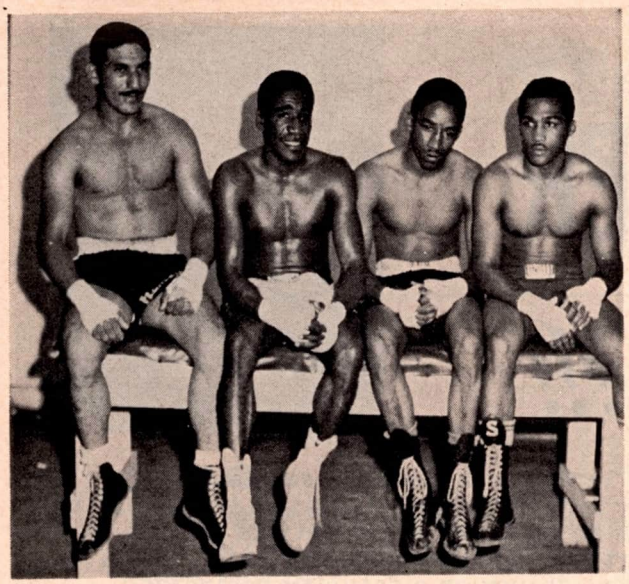
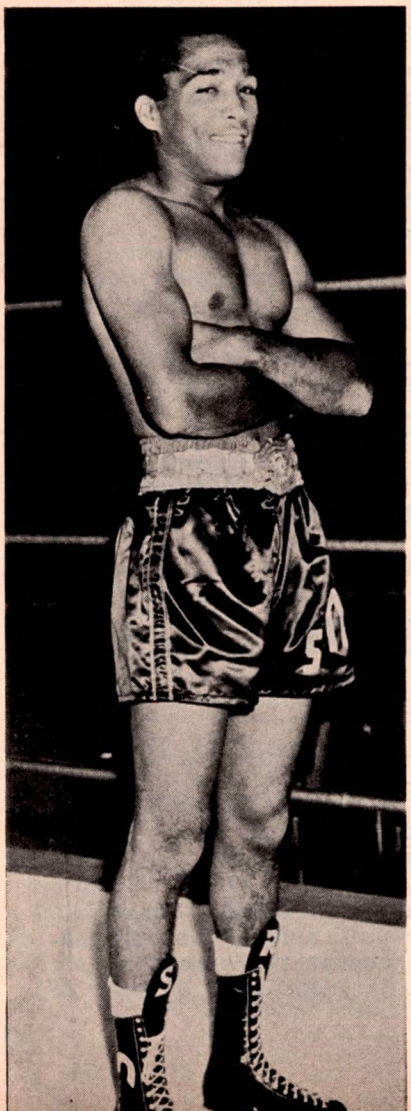


The new featherweight champion, left, with three of his countrymen who also have fled Cuba. Florentino Fernandez, Luis Rodriguez, the recently crowned welterweight champion, and Doug Vaillant, who failed in a bid for the lightweight title, are now living in Miami, Florida. Ramos now makes his home in Mexico City.

"LIFE NOT SWEET..." FEATHERWEIGHT KING WRITES OF RISE TO TITLE AND PAST GLORIES OF CUBAN ISLE

By SUGAR RAMOS,
Featherweight Champion of the World



THE first time I came to Havana from my home town of Matanzas, 75 miles away, I was a boy of 12. It was a big thrill. I never expected to travel. My family was poor and there were many of us. I was the youngest of 16 children, all boys. My parents christened me Ultiminio, "the last." They kept their promise.

My trip was a prize for winning the amateur flyweight boxing championship of my town. All the winners in the different divisions were taken and the trip was arranged so as to bring us into Havana for the welterweight championship fight between Kid Gavilan, our world's champion, and Billy Graham, the American.

We made the trip in a bus that shook so much we could have been milkshakes by the time we arrived. But it is easier to ride such a bus with nothing in you. Only I didn't choose it that way. There just wasn't much on the table the day I went to Havana.

I did not stay hungry long after we arrived. The Sports Commission of Cuba was looking after us and we had a banquet.

Then they took us to the baseball stadium, not in a shaky old bus like that other one but in a new one for the use of all athletes under the direction of the commission, which took in baseball, track and field and other sports.

Going into the park was exciting. There were thousands of people in the stands and the bright lights for night baseball were on. They put us in seats on the field not very far from the ring.

"FIGHT GAVILAN? YES, IF HE MAKES MY WEIGHT"

The people around us didn't have any trouble guessing we were country-boy amateur champions. Soon they were making jokes. I was easily the smallest and one man said: "Little one, are you here to make a challenge to Gavilan?" I did not have the boldness to talk to a stranger but I said to my friend: "If Gavilan makes my weight, I fight him." My friend repeated it. He had a loud voice. Everybody heard him and laughed.

The baseball lights went down and soon the fight show was on. Gavilan surprised me. Instead of forcing the fight, he ducked and dodged and the only punches he threw were jabs or quick hooks. Graham was the forcer but he could not catch Gavilan. So it went for 15 rounds, Gavilan winning in what he turned into a bad fight.

The Cuban public cheered the American. They whistled at Gavilan and the whistle in Cuba is what you call the Bronx cheer.

As I watched, a thought ran through my mind: "Senor Ramos, if you win a cham-

pionship some day, do not fight like this. A champion owes much to the public, they owe him nothing."

Since that night, many things have happened. Gavilan lost face with the Cuban people and he never again had a big fight in Havana. Then, after Gavilan was finished, Castro came to power.

For a while, it seemed he liked boxing. Then he issued an order, "no more professional boxing." By then I was professional featherweight champion and I could have stayed as instructor of amateur fighters, which is all that's left. But I wanted to continue my professional career and I did not remain in Cuba.

CASTRO DESTROYED CUBA'S GLORIES IN BOXING

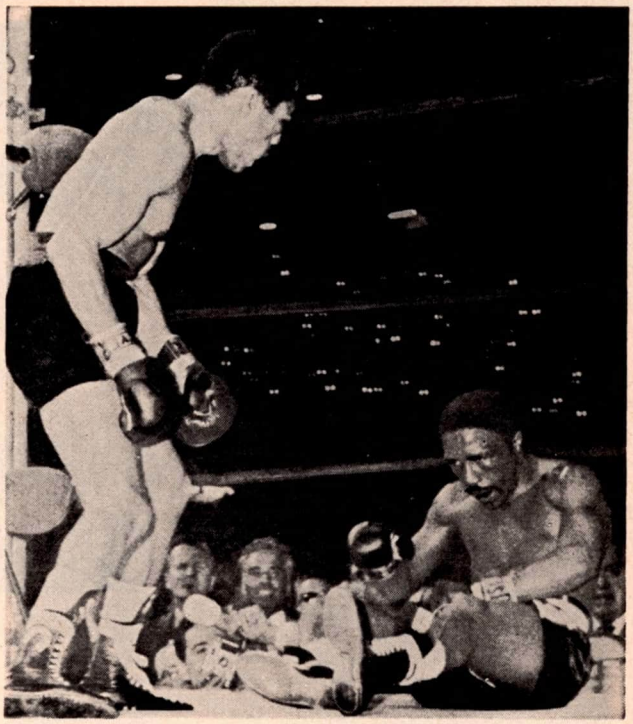
Now I live in Mexico City and I box wherever I can to advance myself in my profession. In the five years I have been fighting as a professional, I never have suffered a legitimate defeat.

As a Cuban, I cannot think of myself alone. I think often of what this man Castro has done to boxing in my country, among other things. He has destroyed a sport which brought much recognition to Cuba all over the world.

I am in Mexico City with Cucu Conde, my good friend since I turned professional in 1957, and one of the men who used to help Cuban boxing as a promoter and broadcaster.

Cucu is many years older than I am and his experience goes back many more years. When we sit together in his room at the Virreyes Hotel in Mexico City, he tells me interesting stories of the golden days when boxing boomed in Havana.

There were clubs everywhere, in Santa Clara, Pinar del Rio, Santiago de Cuba, Cienfuegos, Bayamo, Ranchuelo, and in my own Matanzas. You have only to mention a fairsized town and Cucu knows of fights there.



The happiest and saddest day of my life, said Ramos about the night of March twenty first in which he won the title with his ten round kayo of Davey Moore, then later learned that Moore was rushed to the hospital in coma, from which he never recovered.

A heartsick champion trys to muster a smile for the photographers the morning after winning the title. Ramos spent most of his time in prayer while Moore was hospitalized.

Lester Bromberg, World Telegram & Sun boxing expert, center, with Pedro Galiana, and Cucu Conde. Galiana, who was one of the top sports writers in Havana, is now working in New York City. It was under the able promotion of Conde that Ramos, Rodriguez and most of the other top Cuban boxers of the past decade made their fistic debuts.

But the heart of everything was Havana. Foreign fighters came in from the states, from Europe, from Central and South America. And Cuban boxing was well run. There was encouragement for boys to become professionals.

The Sports Commission knew its business.

Cuba was the first country to have a complete medical examination of fighters before fights.

BOXER BARRED IN CUBA GOT NEW YORK OKEH

This was so far ahead of other commissions that it embarrassed some American bodies. Once a fighter from Venezuela came to Havana but, after a short time, went on to New York. He received a license there and had several bouts.

Suddenly he didn't have a license any more and people in New York asked questions. The commission there refused to talk about it.

Then the true story came out. After letting the boxer fight on just an old-fashioned exam, New York found out something that scared it. The fighter had a communicable disease.

How did it find out? The Cuban commission had seen results of his fights coming from New York. This was strange. Its blood test record of that boxer showed he had been rejected. So, the letter.

But before it arrived many people were exposed to the disease. How many, no one will ever know. There were no reports of cases but it was the Cuban commission which put the fighter out of business in New York.

The big thing was, the commission in Cuba was wide awake and modern when very few others were.

For example, any time a man was seriously hurt or cut, he was assured of free hospital treatment. Or, if he just needed rest, he could stay in the hospital for as long as he wished.

I was around to see the commission medical set-up and to know what good care they took of fighters. There was a large staff of doctors. As soon as you were licensed a file was installed on you. They kept track of your general health. Preliminary fighters were given vitamins to raise their level of stamina. If you had a cold, you could get free injections.

There also was justice for fighters who felt their best interests weren't being protected by their managers. A boy who made a complaint was asked to come in with the manager. The commission listened patiently to both sides. Then there was a ruling, one way or the other. And it had to be lived up by the manager if he expected to continue managing in Cuba.

The commission had its own ratings according to experience, performance and so forth. Any fight that didn't shape as an even contest, was not permitted. Some promoters did not like this. The good promoters, who weren't fooling the public liked such strictness.

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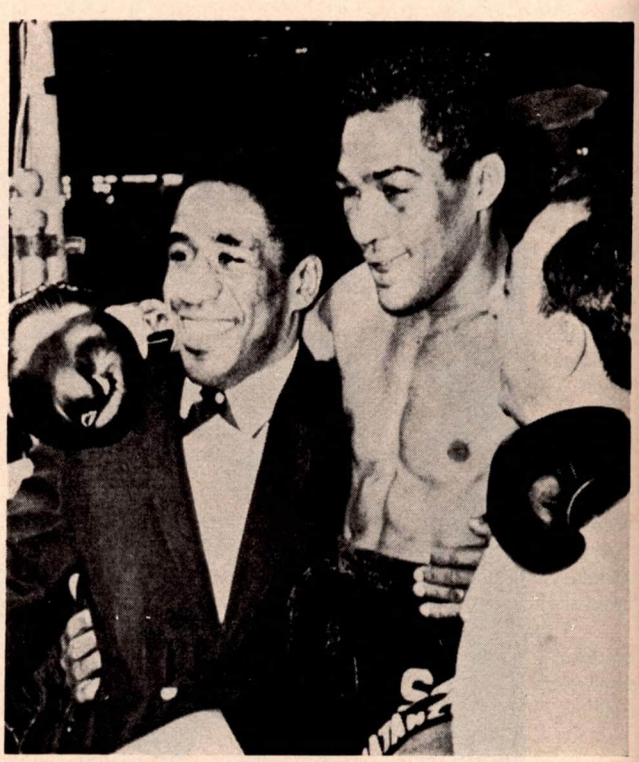


Ramos lifted in triumph by Luis Rodriguez, left, and trainer, Angelo Dundee, immediately after bout which won for Ramos the feather crown. Rodriguez had won his world welter championship on the same card earlier in the evening.

JOFRE FACES LAGUNA

A happy champion gets a kiss of congratulations from his pretty wife, Maria, after his knockout over Aoki.

By DALE C. DEAN

Bantam champion stopped Aoki in third after Japanese had acquired lead on points.

TOKYO, Japan;—(Special Correspondence of The Ring Magazine):—Having stopped Katsutoshi Aoki, Japanese contender, in the third round, Eder Jofre, of Brazil, now faces the seventh defense of his world bantamweight championship, against Ismael Laguna, of Panama.

Ismael, who never has been beaten, is rated the No. 1 contender and is young enough and strong enough to command attention, even though Jofre never looked more formidable than he did with that left hook which disposed of Aoki's title aspirations.

Jofre, who is 27, did not have things his own way before he stopped Aoki and heaved the 10,000 onlookers in the Kurame Sumo Arena into consternation, and mourning.

Until Jofre belted Aoki down for a mandatory eight count in the third round the Japanese challenger was outpointing, and at times hurting, the South American.

The arena was a Bedlam until the first knockdown, the fans having visions of a world championship for a native fighter. But when Jofre, slipping behind in the point tabulation, had to lay it on the line there was no doubt about who was the master.

The trouble was, Aoki got Eder angry. And he got the Jofre corner into a dither. "Better go after this guy," the champion was warned after the second round, and go he sure did.

Jofre became downright vicious. The first left hook in the third almost did it. The second, in 2 min. 12 seconds, stilled the arena and sent the fans out shaking their noggins in disbelief.

As the third round got under way the challenger belted Jofre around without ceremony, and when Jofre found himself bouncing off the ropes he got sore.

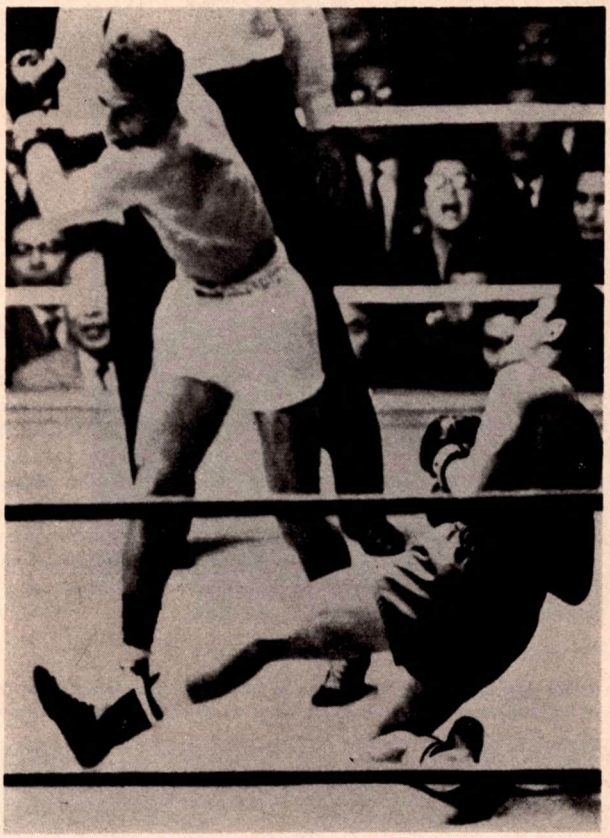
Aoki later said, "I felt the first knockdown wallop. But I still don't know what hit me when he knocked me out. That man has a terriffic punch."

It was Aoki's second defeat in 36 fights. For Jofre, it was victory No. 44, with three drawn fights, in 47 starts. He has scored fourteen consecutive knockouts.

When Aoki was stopped, the referee and one of the judges had him in the lead. The other judge, a Japanese, saw it even. The referee was Antonio Z. Ziravello, from Brazil.

Jofre tipped the beam at 118 pounds, and Aoki at 117 3-4.

Laguna will have quite a few years on Jofre. However, Aoki, at only 22, did not find the champion a bearded veteran.



THE END! The challenger, headed canvasward after taking a hard left on the jaw from the undefeated champion, Jofre, who recorded his fourteenth straight knockout triumph as he ended matters in 2:12 of the third round.

Laguna has been fighting professionally for less than three years. He broke into the game in 1961. He won the featherweight championship of Panama on September 16, 1962, when he stopped Pedro Ortiz in the seventh round.

Except for his March 2, 1962 fight with Castor Castillo, in Maracaibo, which resulted in a ten round decision, Laguna has not contested outside of Panama City and Colon.

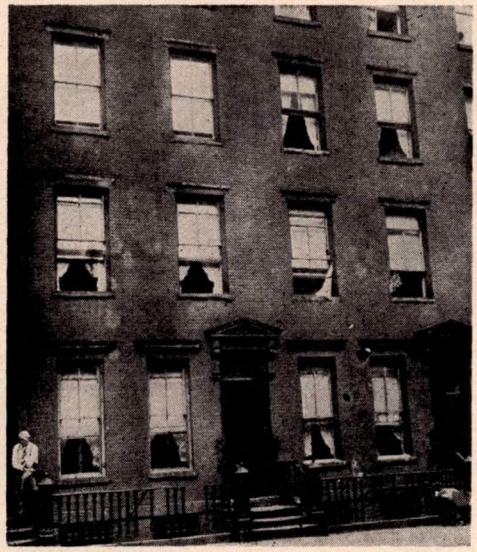
Laguna's 1963 record shows a decision over Juan Ramirez in ten, a knockout victory over Bobby Gray in nine, and in his last fight Laguna scored a ten round unanimous decision over top ranking junior lightweight Auburn Copeland of the United States.

In that fight he scaled 125 pounds. Against Ramirez and Gray he was around the same but he claims that he can make the bantam limit without difficulty. It is hoped so, since he looms as the only challenger who could give Jofre a struggle.

The big question remains how will Ismael operate at 118?

GENE TUNNEY, 65 YEARS YOUNG

Retired champion, nearing 65, reaches for, you guessed it, a book!

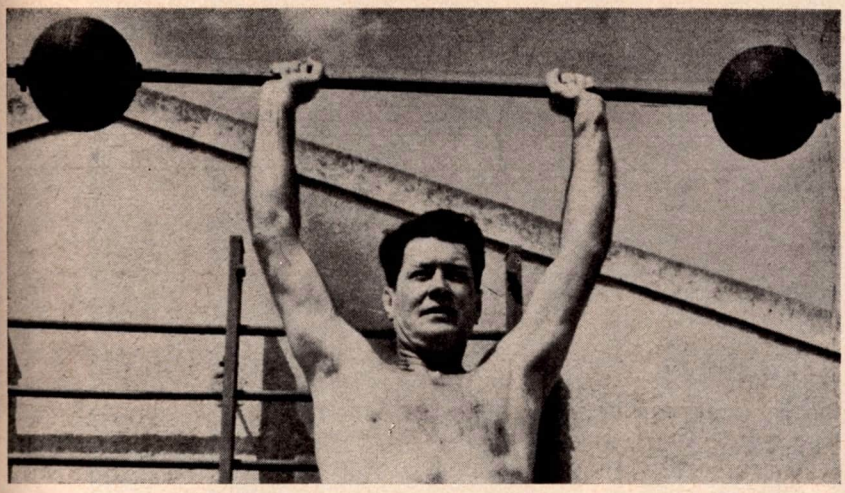


IN its series of life stories in pictures, The Ring Magazine this month presents the saga of James Joseph Tunney, whom we call Gene.

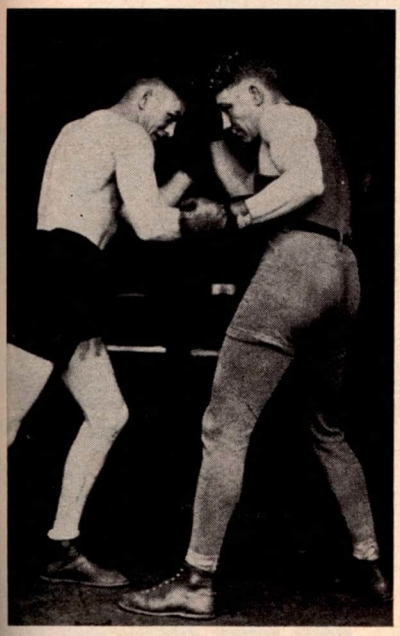
Born in New York on May 25, 1898, Gene became the heavyweight champion of the world by beating Jack Dempsey.

Tunney started in very humble surroundings on Washington Street in New York and, after marriage to Polly Lauder, of the steel million, the Lauders moved into the plutocratic environs of Fairfield County, Connecticut.

Middle doorway, above, is entrance to 709 Washington Street, New York, Tunney's birthplace. Below, Gene the skater is taking a workout in front of his home near Greenwich, Conn. Gene, as usual, is sartorially correct.



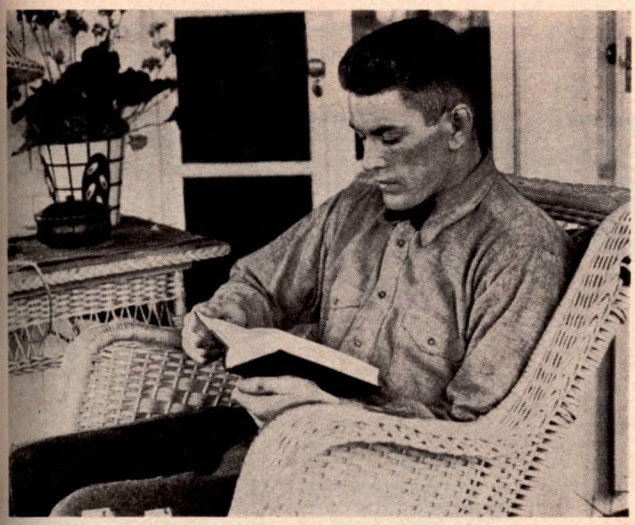
Onetime ring hero working out in a Havana gym 17 years after retirement.



Gene, training for fight with Harry Greb, is sparring with Larry Williams.

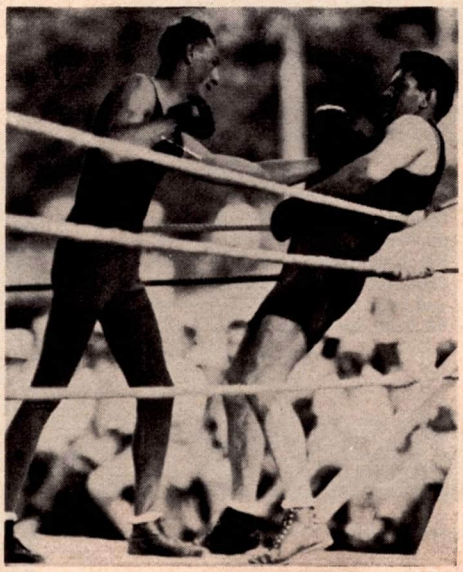
Gene has always kept himself in fine condition. And, with his physical work, came earnest study and unceasing effort to better himself mentally as well as physically. Remembered for his pursuit of the classics, and a lecture given at Yale on Shakespeare.

Another training picture of Tunney at Freddy Welsh's camp in New Jersey.



Relaxing from training, Gene is giving his old pal Shakespeare a workout.

The coming champion, nearing first fight with Dempsey, is hard at work. Gene was developing speed against lighter spar mate.



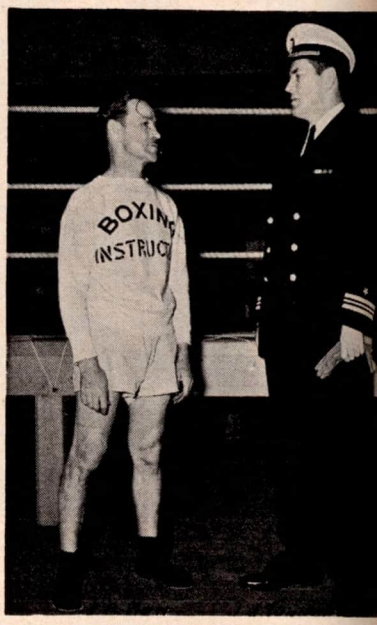
Lieut. Com. Tunney putting his Navy recruits through a brisk workout at the Norfolk Base.

Coblenz on the Rhine, 1919. Above we see two AEF ring champions, Tunney, light heavy, (on the left) and Bob Martin, heavyweight. To their right we find, left to right, Brig. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, Com. Tunney, Gen. Douglas Johnston and Lieut. Col. John S. Allard, at Mitchell Field, during World War Two.

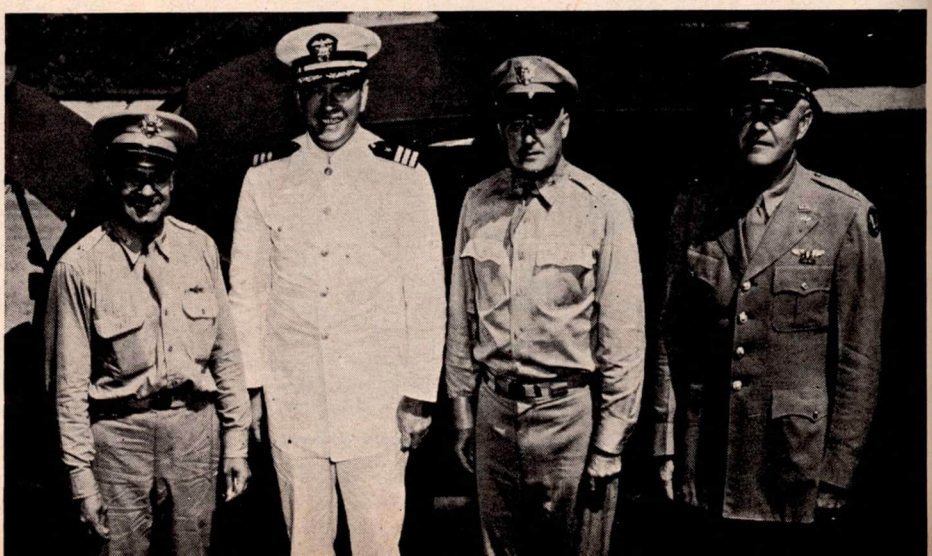
When the second World War came along, Tunney did not sit around and read the papers. He became a Commander in the Navy and put in some hard licks getting our kids into fighting condition.

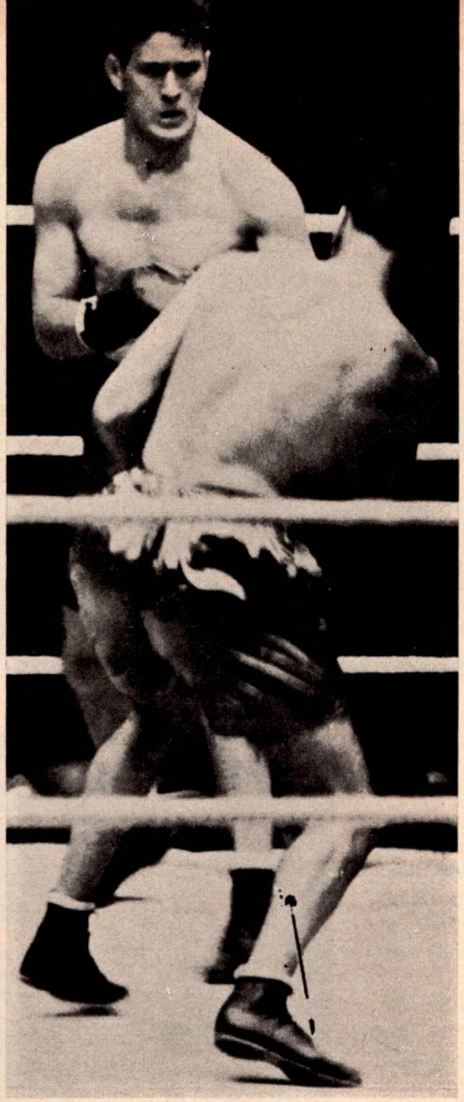
If the boys at Norfolk were jogging their three miles, the Commander was right up there in front, setting the pace.

Tunney did a lot to foster interest in boxing among the boys in the Navy and still maintains a strong connection with ring developments. He was at the ringside not so long ago when Cassius Clay beat Doug Jones in New York's Garden.

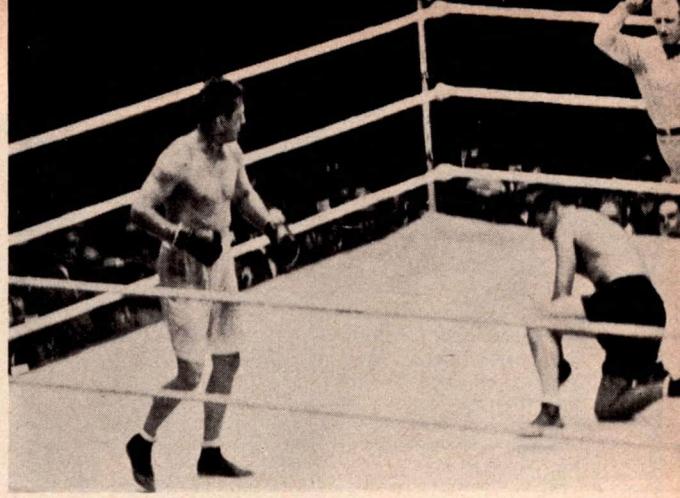


Com. Tunney and J. B. Bell, physical instructor, at Pensacola, Fla. naval air base.

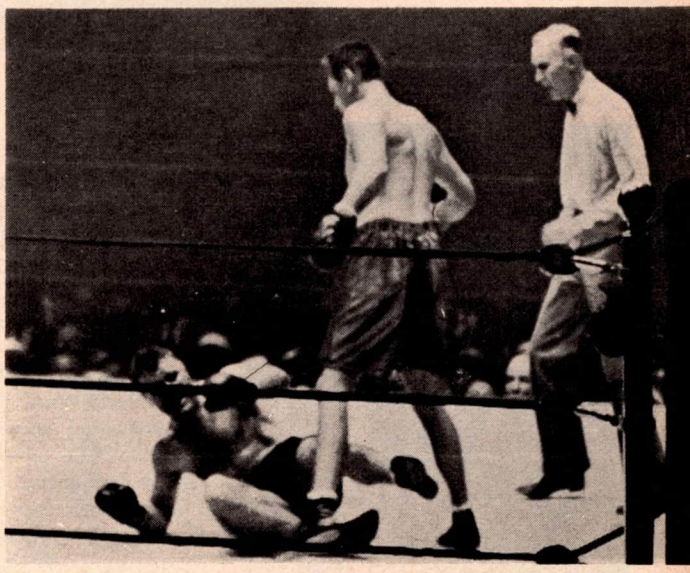




Gene on his way to the title against Dempsey in Philadelphia.



Tunney has Dempsey down in eighth round of their second fight, in Chicago.



Tunney in his last fight, with Tom Heeney, Hard Rock from Down Under. Of course, it is the Rock who is down.

Tunney's victory over Dempsey for the heavyweight championship in the rain at Philadelphia that September night in 1926 stands out as a fight epic.

Tunney stood half an inch over six feet and weighed 192 pounds.

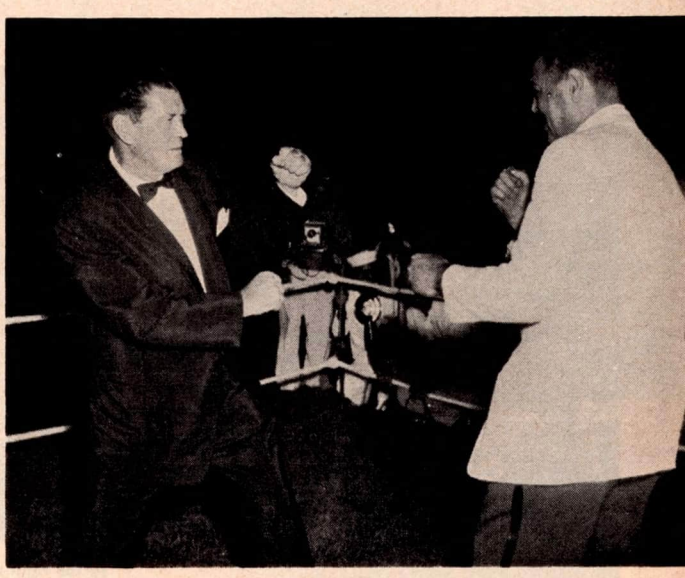
Dempsey was a strong favorite, at 11 to 5.

Tunney demonstrated his right to fight for the championship on June 5, 1925, in New York, when he knocked out Tom Gibbons in the twelfth round.

Tunney fought 100 times and lost only once. On May 23, 1922, Gene, who had taken the light heavyweight title from Battling Levinsky, got a shellacking from Harry Greb.

The famous Battle of the Long Count in Chicago in September 22, 1927, saw Tunney defend the title successfully against Dempsey, with 104,943 customers paying $2,658,660.

Tunney had only one more contest. He stopped Tom Heeney in eleven rounds on July 28, 1928, and that was THAT.



Twenty eight years after their Long Count fight, Tunney and Dempsey square off again in Chicago ring.

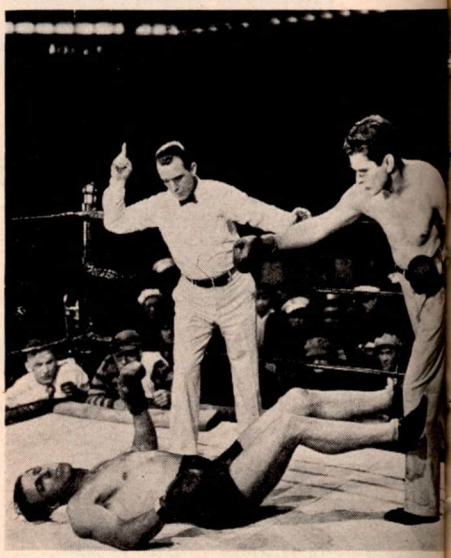
The Big Accolade for champion Tunney. Mayor Jimmy Walker, on his left, and Greeter Grover Whalen, on his right, and Gene are reviewing the Marine Guard at New York City Hall.

Gene is signing for his fight with Tom Gibbons, as manager Billy Gibson smiles approval.

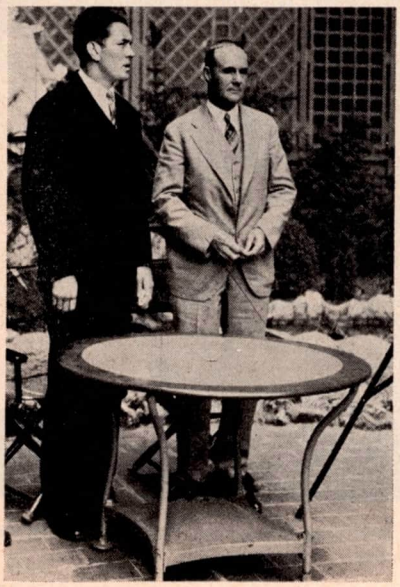
New York let off a lot of steam when Tunney came back from Philadelphia with the heavyweight title. Jimmy Walker, then Mayor of the big city, put on a reception at City Hall, and the boxing writers of New York gave him the red carpet treatment.

Tunney was in the Marines during the first World War. In 1919 he won the light heavyweight championship of the AEF, beating K.O. Sullivan and Ted Jamieson in the final rounds.

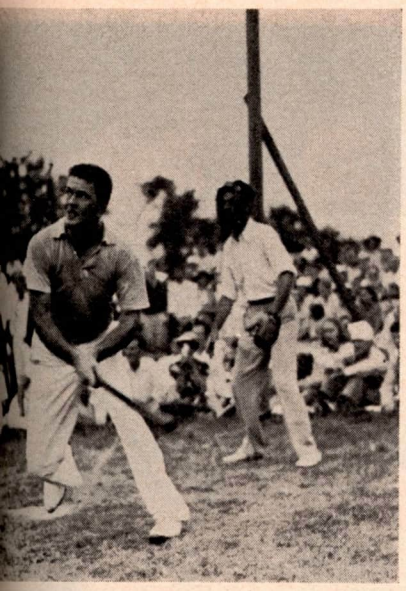
Gene scored over Bob Martin, the AEF heavyweight title holder, in a special four round fight and came out of the war definitely tagged as a contender for honors in the professional ring.



This is for the cameras, only. Gene just has stopped Frank Hagney," heavyweight champion of South America," for Pathe films.



To the right we see Tunney, accompanied by promoter Tex Rickard, announcing retirement from ring. To the left, New York boxing writers at a conference with Gene, (Nat Fleischer, No. 7, presented the Ring Magazine Trophy to Gene, (No. 5). This trophy had belonged to King Leopold, of Belgium, and had been presented to Fleischer.



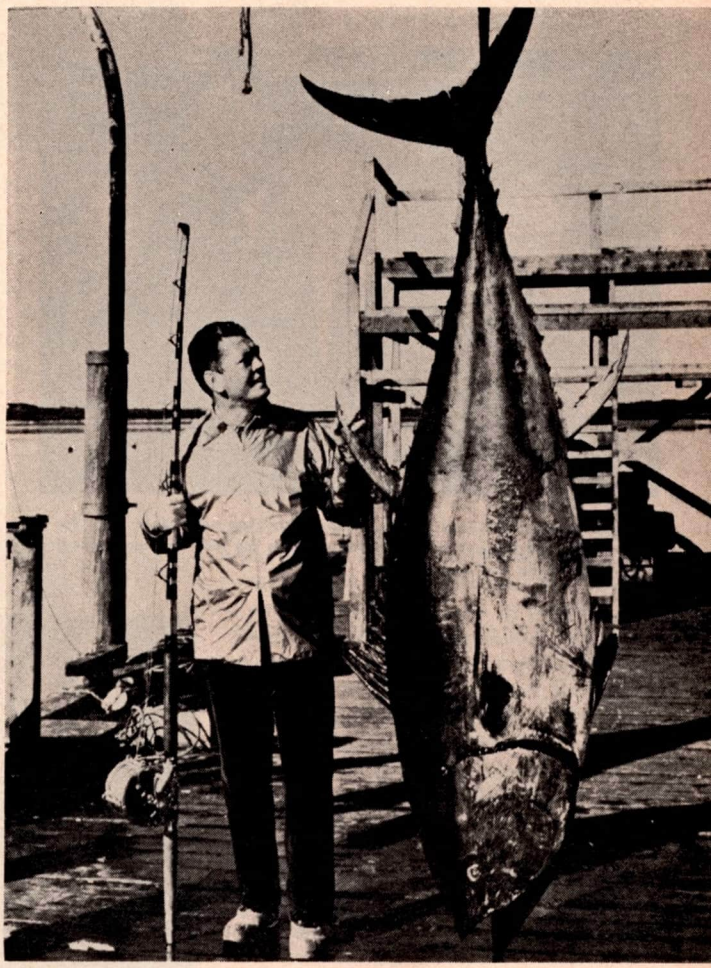
Tunney as a ball player, for Connecticut Nutmegs against Lowell Thomas' Nine Old Men, for charity.

Tunney always has been adroit in every sport. He used to be quite a ball player and skiier. He still is an ardent fisherman and golfer.

Gene is 65 but he looks a lot younger because he has maintained an active interest in things which make for youth and condition.

Gene the golfer and Mickey Walker the caddy. Tunney training at Red Bank, N.J., for his fight with Georges Carpentier.

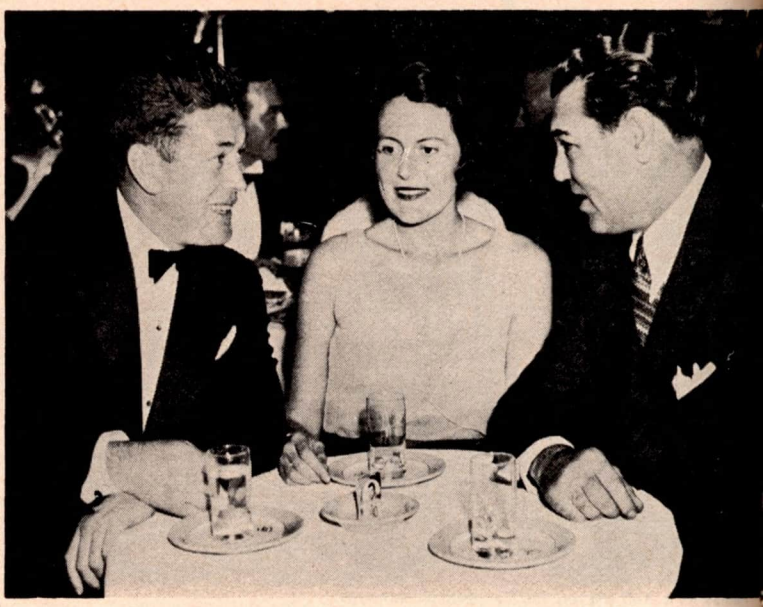
Tunney as a trout fisherman in Canadian woods. He apparently has not caught a whale.



Now, this is something else again. Tunney has got himself a big tuna in waters off Florida.

Complete sportsman Gene is shown as a skiier at Sun Valley, Idaho.

The happy ending! The boy who started in poverty on the lower West Side of New York now sits at several Board of Directors' tables in big business. The boy who rubbed shoulders with the dockers now flips a tea cup with high society. Respected in the ring, highly regarded in his community and business, happily married, with a fine family, the story book American is an ideal example of democracy at work, and the efficacy of determined human effort.



Here we have the Tunneys and Jack Dempsey at the festive board, Gene very much de rigeur in style.

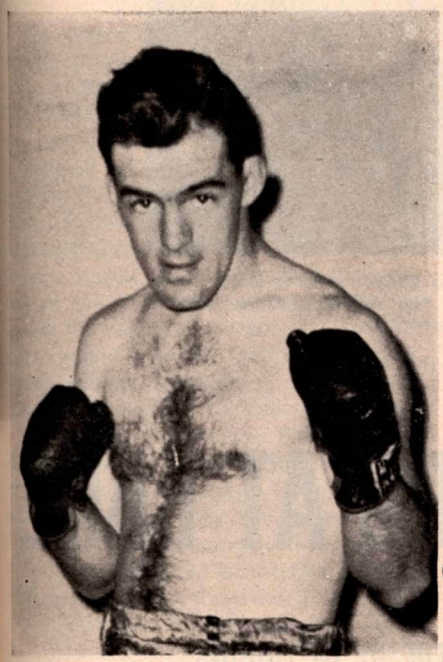
The Tunneys are gathered at the Idlewild Air Port near New York for a flight to Holland for son John's wedding. From the left, they are daughter Joan, Gene, John and Ma.

Gene Lauder Tunney, son of the former champion, is seen with Miss Ann Muldoon soon after their engagement in 1961.

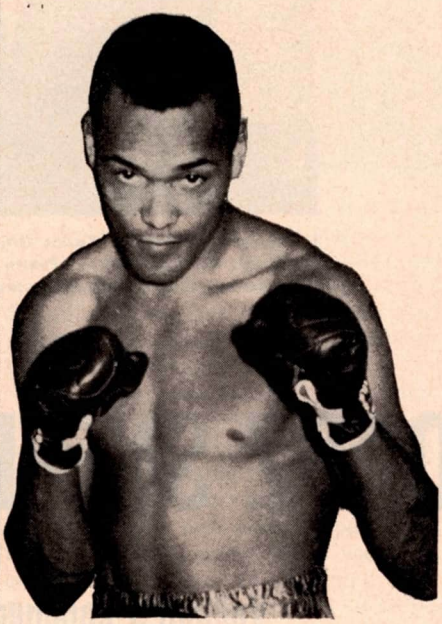
Gene Tunney, the business executive, at his desk in his New York office. Tunney is on the board of a leading tire company. He had been associated with a prominent distillery, as an official.

CANADA BUILDING UP

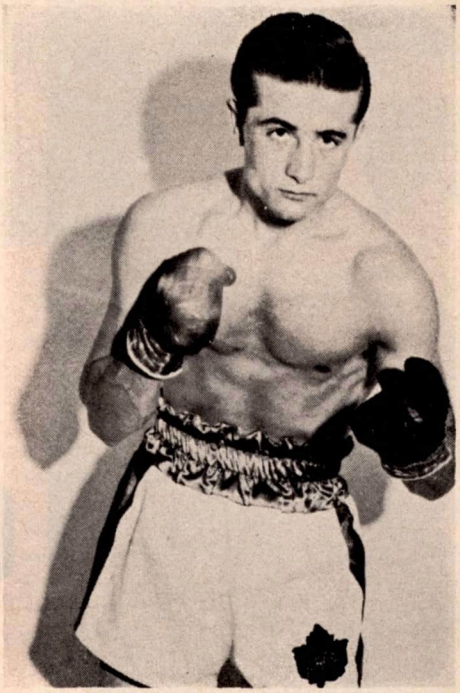
by Lew Eskin



TYRONE GARDINER, Lightweight



RON BROTHERS, Middleweight



GABY MANCINI, Lightweight

BOXING is on the upswing throughout Canada. As it is in every place where the sport prospers good young fighters are coming along.

Among those who are making a name for themselves across the Dominion are Tyrone Gardiner, lightweight from Sydney, Nova Scotia; Fernand Simard, lightweight from Quebec City; Gaby Mancini, lightweight from Montreal; Ron Brothers, middleweight out of St. John, New Brunswick, and Marcel Gendron, featherweight from Quebec City.

Gendron, whose father Alfred was a top bantamweight during the 1930's, started right out in the professional ranks at the tender age of fifteen without amateur experience and scored a surprise first round kayo over Gaston Bisson, then one of the top flyweights in Canada. Marcel scaled all of 105 pounds for that fight in 1955.

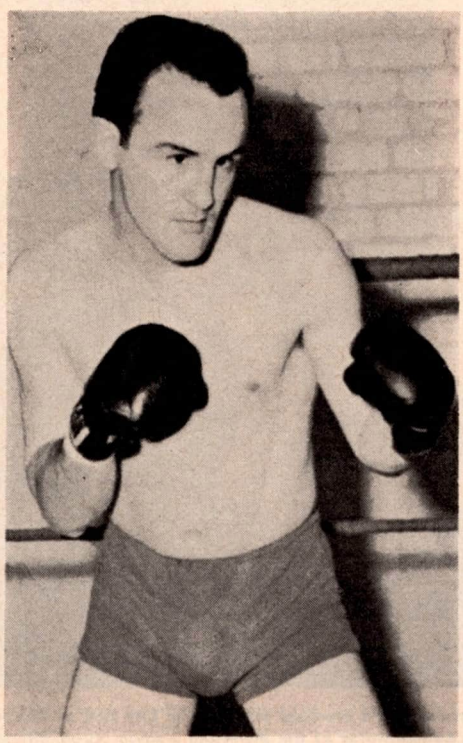
Since then he has grown into a featherweight after winning the Canadian bantamweight title in 1960. Until the last few years he was always forced to give away from five to ten pounds but he never failed to give a good account of himself.

His over-all record shows 23 wins in 28 bouts, with sixteen kayos. Marcel has reversed three of his losses and is anxious to face Dave Hilton, holder of the Canadian lightweight title, who defeated him in 1958.

Andre Millette, Johnny Devision, Billy Reynolds, Eddy Smith, and Gilbert Clave are among his victims.

Mancini, who was born in Tito Aquiasanta, Italy, has lived in Montreal with his uncle Antonio Mancini since 1951. Gaby, now a Canadian citizen, compiled one of the best records in the history of amateur boxing in Canada.

He won the City of Montreal championship seven times, was a Golden Gloves titleholder six times, and national champion four times. He was a member of the 1960 Olympic team.



MARCEL GENDRON, Featherweight

Gaby launched his pro career last February with a two-round kayo over Ike Griffiths, and has followed that up with victories over Claude Forget and Pierre Rubio via the knockout route, and by decisions over Jean Huard and Tommy McMillan, before losing to Earl Knowlton.

Gaby is a swift moving boxer who packs a hefty right hand. With his experience gained in the simon-pure ranks it should not be too long before he is ready to step up against the best in his class.

Brothers, a solid punching middleweight from St. John, was born in Kentville, Nova Scotia, in 1934 and was only fourteen when he began his pro boxing career as a lightweight. When his true age was discovered his license was suspended. His boxing from then until 1955 was done in the Canadian army, where he won a number of tournaments and titles.

He resumed his pro career in 1955 but retired again in 1957 and was out of action until the winter of 1960. Since then he has rolled up eight straight wins, seven of them by knockouts, five in the first round.

Brothers' over-all record shows twelve wins in seventeen bouts, with nine knockouts. Rocky Malone, Don Chisholm, Kenny Shea, Bob Leadley, Kenny Dean, Bobby Croxon and Doug Odo are among his victims.

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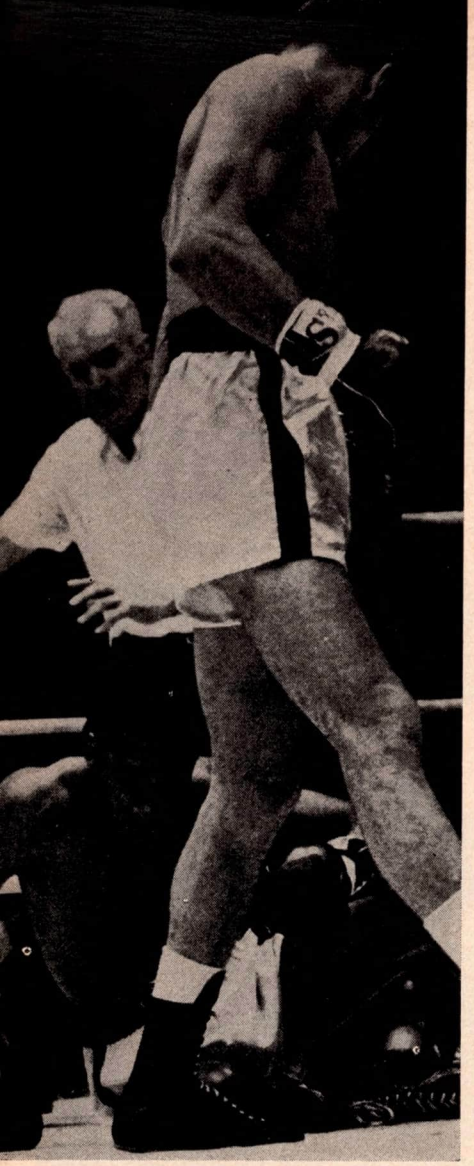
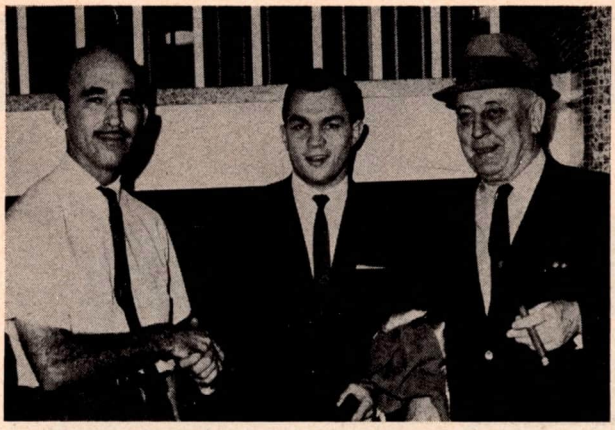


Doug Vaillant, of Cuba, floored by Champion Carlos Ortiz in the first round of their title bout in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Referee Jimmy Braddock is rushing forward for the count.



Lightweight title holder, Carlos Ortiz (center) greeting Mario Rivera, the Ring's correspondent in Puerto Rico. Bill Daly, Carlos' advisor, is on the left. Rivera aided in the promotion.

ORTIZ SNEERS AT LANE

Vaillant's conqueror in 13 rounds in Puerto Rico has offers to fight Elorde and Grant.

By NAT FLEISCHER

A group of guests of Mayoress Dona Felisa, of San Juan, at a pre-fight party at the City Hall of San Juan—(Left to right)—Sportswriters Ismael Fernandez, Manolo Rodriguez, Jose Prados Herrero, Administrator of the Municipal Stadium Hiram Bithorn; Nat Fleischer; Mayoress Dona Felisa; James J. Braddock; sportswriter Emilio Huyke; Sixto Escobar, first Puerto Rican world champion, and Harold Toppel, promoter of the Ortiz-Vaillant fight.

THE cry against boxing apparently has not affected Puerto Rico, where in the beautiful new Hiram Bothorn Stadium in San Juan, a gathering of 20,000 saw Carlos Ortiz successfully defend his world lightweight championship for the second time since dethroning Joe Brown.

The surprising gathering, following a week's postponement of the fight, due to Ortiz' sudden illness, paid a gross of $113,-000, which, with $15,000 added for radio, set a record in this American Island.

Opposed to Ortiz was Doug Vaillant, the popular Cuban champion, who was outclassed by the title holder. Although Doug was stopped in the thirteenth round, when Referee Jimmy Braddock halted the contest as the challenger rested helplessly against the ropes, it was not as one-sided as the point score of the three officials would indicate, since Doug gave a good account of himself in the heavy infighting.

Had the bout gone the limit, he undoubtedly would have lost the unanimous decision by a wide margin since Referee Braddock's tally for the twelve completed rounds showed the champion ahead by 118 to 99; Judge Rafael Carrasquillo, 119 to 112; and Judge Nat Fleischer, 119 to 108.

Minutes after the fight was over Ortiz received a message from the World Boxing Association informing him that unless he defended the crown by June 30, against Kenny Lane, the organization would take the championship from him.

This aroused both the title holder and his advisor, Billy Daly, who declared that under no circumstances would they accept the Lane challenge. They declared that they had several lucrative offers to fight in Tokyo, Manila or Jamaica, and that one of these would be considered.

Lope Sorreal, who came on from Manila, offered Ortiz $60,000, tax free, to fight Flash Elorde, the junior lightweight champion, in Manila in June or July. Lope is the father-in-law of the Manila champion.

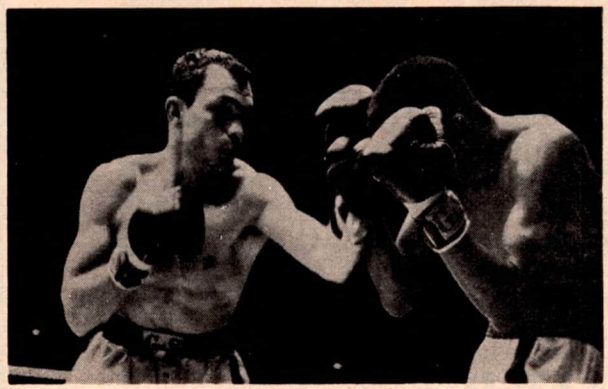
Lucien Lee, representing a syndicate in the British West Indies, offered $60,000 for a lightweight title contest with Bunny Grant, who is ranked top challenger by The Ring and holds the Central American championship.

Still another offer of $40,000, was made for Ortiz to defend his crown in England. In these circumstances, Daly pointed out, he sees no reason for accepting Lane as the next opponent for Ortiz.

For the San Juan bout Carlos received $50,000, plus expenses, while his challenger took down $6,500.

"Ortiz will fight any challenger who will put up the price," said Daly. *"We cannot obtain anywhere near these sums for a bout with Lane, who is a poor drawing card".*

Lane long has accused Ortiz of ducking him and there is bitter feeling between him and the champion. This and the huge offers of foreign promoters eliminate Kenny as a possible next opponent for Carlos.



The beginning of the end. Ortiz has his challenger helpless on the ropes seconds before sending him to the canvas for the final time early in the thirteenth round.

A left hook in the opening round put Vaillant down for a count of three in the first minute after the gong sent the pair into action, but Doug fought back viciously for the remainder of that heat.

For the first five rounds it was a nip-and-tuck affair with Vaillant attempting running tactics in only one of those frames and thereafter mixing it at close range.

But the champion's blows were more effective and he kept piling up points except in the third round which was very close. I called it even. In that round Vaillant's combinations worked well while his opponent was kept off balance.

The fifth and tenth rounds also were good for the challenger, the former being the only one I credited to him. In that frame he ripped lefts and rights to the stomach and kept the champion busy defending himself.

The tenth, which I also called even, found Doug working at top speed in an attempt to regain lost ground, but he found Ortiz a willing mixer and the spectators were treated to fast action from gong to gong.

Doug was warned five times by Braddock for hitting low. In the eighth, after three successive fouls, the referee ordered the judges to take one point away from Vaillant.

In the eleventh, Ortiz kept up a strong barrage. He fired away with left jabs, pummelled Doug's body during the infighting, and weakened him to such an extent that it became apparent the fight would not go much longer.

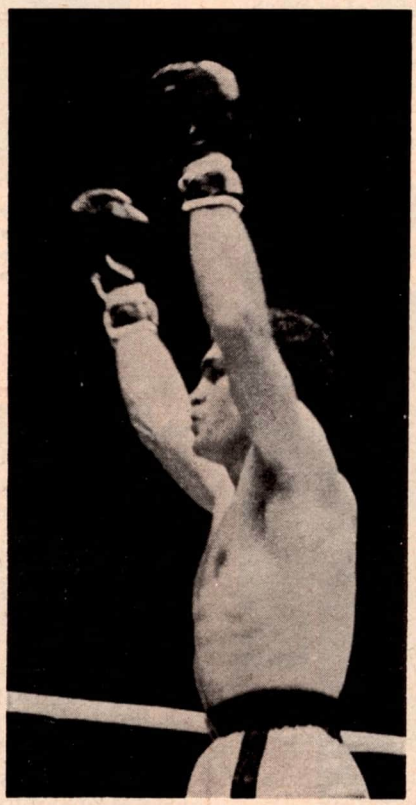
Vaillant twice was warned for butting in that session but Ortiz filed no complaint as he ripped away with body blows. Vaillant tried several times to use the bolo punch and twice succeeded but it didn't retard the champion.

With success in his hands, Ortiz rushed out of his corner in the twelfth and battered his opponent viciously with body punches. There was no letup throughout the round, in which the challenger was floored twice. The bell came to his rescue after the second knockdown and he walked to his corner in a daze.

Then came what proved to be the last round. Ortiz came out for the kill and gave his opponent no opportunity to get set. He pummelled him viciously and had him helpless against the ropes when Braddock came to his rescue and ended the contest in 49 seconds of the thirteenth round.

The challenger suffered a bloody nose and a cut over his left eye, while the victor was unscratched. Many in the house were Cuban refugees.

The fight was promoted by the Pueblo Supermarkets Foundation, Inc., of which Harold Toppel is President. It was a charity affair and was well conducted.



Carlos lifts his arms in triumph as referee James J. Braddock, former heavyweight champion, halted the fight in forty-nine seconds of the thirteenth round. It was Ortiz second straight kayo triumph in defense of his title.

MAURO MINA, PERUVIAN JAGUAR

By FRANK BURNS

FOR the first time in heaven only knows when, a fighter has come along who lived up to his advance press notices. Long before he made his American debut here, on the last Saturday night in November, the word was out to keep a weather-eye peeled for Mauro Mina (pronounced Mee-na) a 29-year-old light-heavyweight out of Lima, Peru.

As is the case with every fistic importation, capable of putting on a pair of ring trunks and possessing sufficient strength to climb up the ring steps, the ballyhoo boys pulled out all the stops in pre-fight notices about Mina.

This six-foot one-inch, former tank driver in the Peruvian army, was touted as the greatest box-off draw to come up from the Andean regions in forty years. The hottest card in South American boxing circles since the fabulous, late Luis (Angel) Firpo, the Wild Bull of the Pampas, fully qualified for his colorful nickname and made world history here, with the great Jack Dempsey, back in 1923.

The initiated and the skeptics, who predominate the one-way conversational channels along Jacobs Beach listened, nodded their collective noggins—and didn't believe half of what they heard about Mina. They have become inured, over the years, to the tales of derring-do ascribed to these Latin-American, Sino-Japanese, Zulu—and points West—wonder boys—who inevitably turn out to be professional fakers—and not fighters at all.

Mauro takes a stroll down West 47th Street on his way to the boxing commission for his pre-fight check before his fight with Henry Hank. The bout is Mina's American and TV debut and victory established him as the Number One contender for Harold Johnson's crown.

While in New York, Mauro stops off to visit Jack Dempsey in Jack's Broadway Restaurant where he samples the "bill of fare."

So, with some trepidation it was that your correspondent journeyed to Madison Square Garden on Nov. 24 to watch the highly-touted Mina make his first start in the United States. Mina is managed by Oscar Terran, who holds the rank of Doctor of something or other in the Peruvian government. M. Terran certainly didn't give his tiger any the best of it in selecting as Mina's first opponent here a journeyman battler known as Henry Hank of Detroit.

Hank is built like one of the streamlined Cadillacs his home town is famous for. He is a fighter who never puts up a bad show. His only weakness—if it could be called that—is a tendency to over-exert himself for six or seven rounds—and to run out of gas. Hank is not destined to be a champion—but he is definitely above the rank of the average "trial horse."

MINA COULDN'T DENT HANK SO HE SLUGGED

Mauro carried a record of 41 wins, 2 losses, one draw and 21 knockout victories into the ring against Hank. The latter's scorecard showed 53 wins, 16 defeats, three draw decisions and included 36 knockout victories. The 27-year-old Hank had never been knocked out.

Before going into the details of Mina's debut—which included a sideshow that might have been staged by John Ringing North—we'd like to state, at the outset:

Mina didn't live up to all the raves he received in the pre-fight ballyhoo. No human being could. He is definitely one of the best prospects to be shown at the Garden in a long while. He is a big, superbly conditioned guy and a far better boxer than most of the big boys who masquerade in the light-heavyweight and heavyweight divisions.

Mina is a careful workman—and while not a remarkably stiff puncher—could not be rated in that all-important category off this one fight with Hank. As we noted earlier a French 75, in our opinion, would have difficulty in dislodging Hank from his underpinnings if Hank had other ideas.

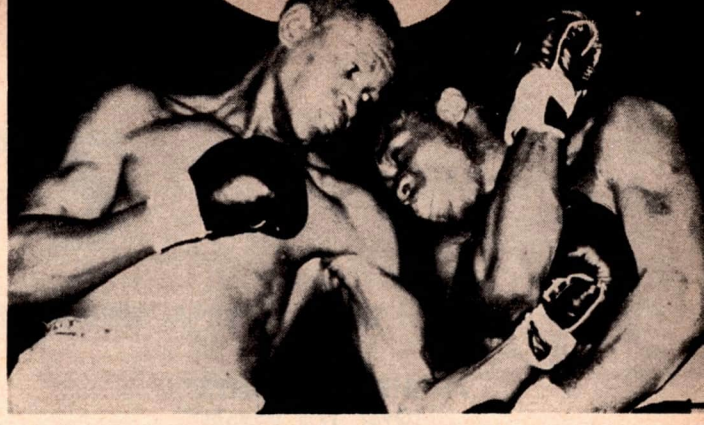
Mauro's forte was his ability to fight Hank at the latter's own game. When Mina found out he couldn't make a dent in Henry's hide by boxing him—he simply forgot he was a boxer—and became a slugger. Anyone workman who can switch his style, without batting an eye; who can adapt himself to the style of fighting used by his opponent—that's the boy to keep an eye on.

The critics—who came to scoff—and remained to cheer Mina—had their reservations. They insisted Mina could not hit. We will refer them to the above analysis on that point. On the other hand, in Hank, Mina was fighting a guy who presents not only a steel-like chin—but on many occasions, a most difficult target.

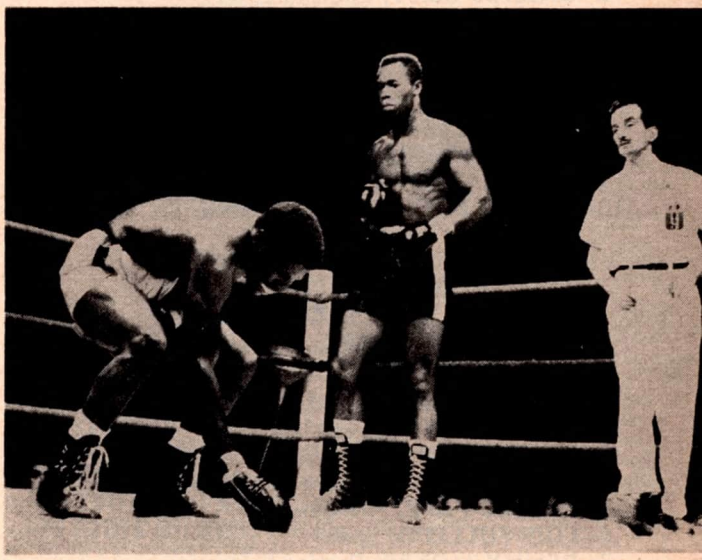
Hank has a cute habit of laying on top of an opponent and making a veritable yo yo of his head. This skull of Hank's bobs up and down and around, just like a yo yo gone berserk—and more skilled practitioners than Mauro shot at Henry's hurtling head—and missed.

THEY CAME FROM PERU TO HOLLER

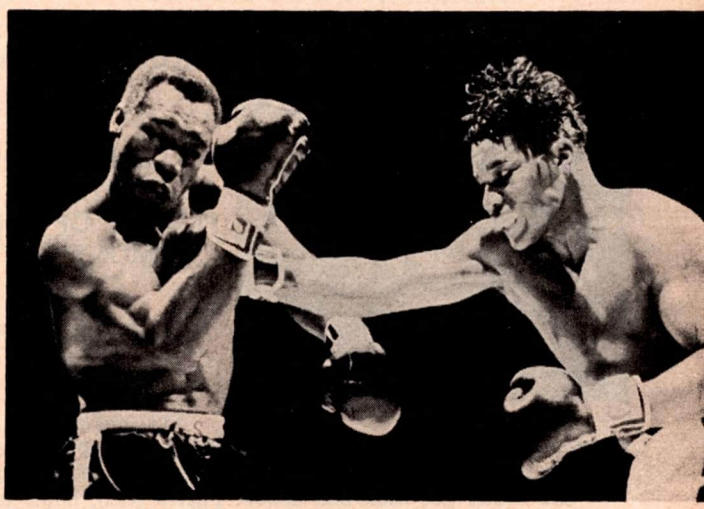
Mauro was escorted into the ring by more than 300 Peruvian fanatics, male and female, who turned the Garden into a carnival place with national flags of their homeland; whistles, horns, banners and the most *(Continued on page 48)*



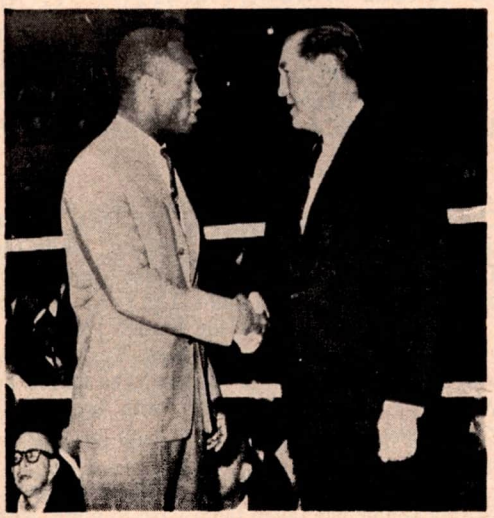
Eddie Cotton (left) has dropped two decisions to Mina before record turnouts in Lima in recent months. The above photo is from their first fight in October which Mina won on a ten-round decision.



Freddie Blades of Miami, Florida, heads into dreamland after Mina lands a right to the jaw in the sixth round. His kayo victory over the Floridian is his first important triumph over an American boxer.



Mauro takes a hard right flush on the the jaw from Henry Hank during their Garden battle. Mina proves he can take it as well as dish it out. He finished strong to outpoint Hank after ten bruising rounds.



Mina shakes hands with former 175-pound champion Tommy Loughran in Philadelphia before the Johnson-Jones title match. Mauro flew up from Peru to challenge the winner.

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 24, 1963

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
SONNY LISTON, Chicago, Ill.

1–**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Scarsdale, N.Y.
2–**CASSIUS CLAY,** Louisville, Ky.
3–**DOUG JONES,** New York, N.Y.
4–**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden
5–**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Arizona
6–**CLEVELAND WILLIAMS,** Houston, Tex.
7–**ROBERT CLEROUX,** Canada
8–**BILLY DANIELS,** New York, N.Y.
9–**HENRY COOPER,** England
10–**ERNEST TERRELL,** Philadelphia, Pa.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
PAUL PENDER, Brookline, Mass.
DICK TIGER, Lagos, Nigeria

1–**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
2–**TERRY DOWNES,** England
3–**GEORGE BENTON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4–**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Cherry Hill, N.J.
5–**LASZLO PAPP,** Hungary
6–**LUIS FOLLEDO,** Spain
7–**DENNY MOYER,** Portland, Ore.
8–**TED WRIGHT,** Detroit, Mich.
9–**JOEY ARCHER,** New York, N.Y.
10–**JOE GONZALEZ,** New York, N.Y.

CARLOS ORTIZ FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
HAROLD JOHNSON, Philadelphia, Pa.

1–**MAURO MINA,** Peru
2–**GIULIO RINALDI,** Italy
3–**EDDIE COTTON,** Seattle, Wash.
4–**BOBO OLSON,** Honolulu, Hawaii
5–**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
6–**HENRY HANK,** Detroit, Mich.
7–**WILLIE PASTRANO,** Miami, Fla.
8–**WAYNE THORNTON,** Fresno, Calif.
9–**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany
10–**CHIC CALDERWOOD,** Scotland

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
LUIS RODRIGUEZ, Miami, Fla.

1–**EMILE GRIFFITH,** New York, N.Y.
2–**BRIAN CURVIS,** Wales
3–**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
4–**RIP RANDALL,** Dallas, Texas
5–**FEDERICO THOMPSON,** Argentina
6–**JORGE FERNANDEZ,** Argentina
7–**CURTIS COKES,** Dallas, Texas
8–**DICK TURNER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
9–**JOE STABLE,** New York, N.Y.
10–**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
Title Vacant

1–**EDDIE PERKINS,** Gary, Indiana
2–**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
3–**LOUIS MOLINA,** San Jose, Calif.
4–**ROBERTO CRUZ,** Philippines
5–**ANGEL GARCIA,** France
6–**BATTLING TORRES,** Mexico
7–**MANUEL ALVAREZ,** Argentina
8–**JOSE NAPOLES,** Cuba
9–**AISSA HASHAS,** France
10–**BOBBY SCANLON,** Sacramento, Calif.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS ORTIZ, New York, N.Y.

1–**BUNNY GRANT,** Jamaica BWI
2–**CARLOS HERNANDEZ,** Venezuela
3–**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
4–**DOUG VAILLANT,** Cuba
5–**ALFREDO URBINA,** Mexico
6–**PAUL ARMSTEAD,** Los Angeles, Calif.
7–**JOE BROWN,** Houston, Texas
8–**TERUO KOSAKA,** Japan
9–**ARTHUR PERSLEY,** Red Crosse, La.
10–**SEBASTIAO NASCIMENTO,** Brazil

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
SUGAR RAMOS, Mexico City, Mexico

1–**HOWARD WINSTONE,** Wales
2–**MITSUNORI SEKI,** Japan
3–**RAFIU KING,** Nigeria
4–**KAZUO TAKAYAMA,** Japan
5–**DON JOHNSON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
6–**JET BALLY,** Philippines
7–**DANNY VALDEZ,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8–**BILLY CALVERT,** England
9–**ALBERTO SERTI,** Italy
10–**FLOYD ROBERTSON,** Ghana

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
PONE KINGPETCH, Bangkok, Thailand

1–**SALVATORE BURRUNI,** Italy
2–**BERNARDO CARABALLAO,** Colombia
3–**HIROYUKI EBIHARA,** Japan
4–**PASCUAL PEREZ,** Argentina
5–**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
6–**HORACIO ACCAVALLO,** Argentina
7–**MIMUN BEN ALI,** Spain
8–**CHATCHAI LAEMFAPHA,** Thailand
9–**NATALIO JIMINEZ,** Dominican Republic
10–**ERNESTO MIRANDA,** Argentina

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
GABRIEL (FLASH) ELORDE, Manila, Philippines

1–**LOVE ALLOTEY,** Ghana
2–**JOHNNY BIZZARRO,** Erie, Pa.
3–**AUBURN COPELAND,** Flint, Mich.
4–**RAY NOBILE,** Italy
5–**YUKIO KATSUMATO,** Japan
6–**JOSE LUIS CRUZ,** Mexico
7–**VICENTE DERADO,** Argentina
8–**MEL MIDDLETON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
9–**OSCAR REYES,** Philippines
10–**WALLY TAYLOR,** Australia

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
EDER JOFRE, Sao Paulo, Brazil

1–**ISMAEL LAGUNA,** Panama
2–**JOE MEDEL,** Mexico
3–**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
4–**FIGHTING HARADA,** Japan
5–**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
6–**KATSUTOSHI AOKI,** Japan
7–**FREDDIE GILROY,** Ireland
8–**PIERRE COSSEMYNS,** Belgium
9–**RONNIE JONES,** Chicago, Ill.
10–**JORGE SALAZAR,** Mexico

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

	Pro Debut	Total	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHTS						
Sam Pride, Phoenix, Ariz.	4/62	6	4	2	0	2
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS						
Ed Donaldson, Los Angeles, Calif.	11/62	6	5	0	1	1
MIDDLEWEIGHTS						
Len Campbell, Newark, N.J.	2/62	6	5	1	0	1
WELTERWEIGHTS						
Frank Garza, Houston, Tex.	12/62	6	6	0	0	4
LIGHTWEIGHTS						
Bob Thomas, Gardiner, Maine	11/62	6	6	0	0	5
FEATHERWEIGHTS						
Joe Woodhouse Glasgow, Scotland	4/62	7	8	1	0	3
BANTAMWEIGHTS						
Luis Patino, Panama	10/61	8	6	2	0	2
FLYWEIGHTS						
Tom Rico, Philippines	10/62	8	6	1	1	2

THERE was an upswing in boxing in all divisions during the past month as many boxers who remained idle during the winter got back into action. Puerto Rico, home of some of the world's outstanding talent, furnished the top bout of the period with Carlos Ortiz of New York defending his world lightweight crown against Doug Vaillant at San Juan, before a gathering of 20,000 persons who paid $113,000 to see Carlos retain his crown. By his triumph he gained The Ring's Fighter of The Month Award. Ed Jofre, of Brazil, world bantam king, was runner up. He retained his throne by stopping Katsutoshi Aoki in Tokyo, Japan.

There were two changes in the heavyweight class with an old face and new one joining the elite. British and Empire Champion Henry Cooper knocked Dick Richardson into retirement and regained ninth position, while towering Ernest Terrell of Philadelphia, upset winner over Cleveland Williams of Houston is now listed tenth. The victor is 6 feet 6 inches tall.

Terrell and Cooper replace Franco DePiccoli of Italy, kayo victim of Wayne Bethea of New York and Archie Moore who is nearing the end of the line. The loss to Terrell dropped Williams from fourth to sixth, with Ingemar Johansson and Zora Folley upped one notch each to fourth and fifth respectively.

Despite his return to action with a victory over Yvan Prebeg Gustav Scholz has fallen from sixth to ninth, with Henry Hank of Detroit, Willie Pastrano of Miami and Wayne Thornton of Fresno, Calif. each advanced one place each to sixth, seventh and eighth, respectively in the light heavy class.

Spanish champion Luis Folledo returned to work with two wins and moved up from seventh to sixth in the middleweight division. He traded posts with inactive Denny Moyer of Portland.

Another busy lad was Ted Wright of Detroit who scored three kayos and advanced from ninth to eighth, switching posts with Joey Archer of New York. Joey Giambra of Buffalo, loser to Joe DeNucci of Boston, has been dropped from the International ratings and Joe Gonzalez of New York who halted Rubin Carter, a newcomer in the rankings, is listed in tenth position.

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By TED CARROLL

Revive Towel Tossing?

A YEAR ago this magazine pointed to the public predilection for "gladiatorial combat" rather than boxing skill as a main source of the difficulties which harass the sport. Public indifference to defensive minded boxers like Harold Johnson of the present and Tommy Loughran of the past; disapproval of contests showcasing skill rather than slugging; impatience with great boxers such as Benny Leonard and Sugar Ray Robinson when in former years they attempted to be sparing of an opponent; and getting the public to support matches which do not promise a knockout or a "brawl", were cited.

Support for these crowd-critical conclusions have been heard from two widely different quarters in recent weeks.

When ring tragedies occur, said the newly crowned welterweight champion, Cuban Luis Rodriguez; "the only beast in the arena is the crowd".

Speaking of the Moore-Ramos match, Rodriguez said, *"The fight should have been stopped in the eighth. Moore's legs were buckling every time Ramos hit him . . . But what would have happened if the fight had been stopped? Would the public have liked it? They're very demanding, you know. It is always they who are the boss . . ."*

Few can speak of crowd attitudes with more authority than Luis. Although his record is knockout studded, it was not until 1962 that Rodriguez really began to concentrate on stopping his foes. Up to then he had been satisfied to handle them much as a clever fighter handles a sparmate in the gym, coasting along without punishing a rival any more than necessary.

Although this style had made him one of the most successful fighters in the ring, the public found him boring. One day Miami matchmaker Chris Dundee brought the matter to a head.

LUIS ADVISED TO STOP HIS OPPONENTS

"Luis, you're a great boxer, but the crowd doesn't go for a boxer." Chris pointed out.

"The crowd is a beast!" snapped Rodriguez. *"They want to see people hurt! I am not here to hurt people. I am here to win, which I do!"*

"That may well be," countered Dundee, *but that 'beast,' as you call it, keeps us in business. If they don't pay their money to get in we're both sunk. You've got to start knocking these guys out. No more just 'going along' to a decision."*

For a minute Rodriguez was silent. Then, shrugging his shoulders in a compliant gesture, "O-kay, what can I do? From now on I try for knockout."

Rodriguez's record since this conversation in 1961 is testimony to an opinion often voiced by knowing fight people that many a clever boxer in the past could have punished his opponents much more severely had he cared to.

In 1962 the Cuban knocked out five of his seven opponents, and true to Dundee's prediction earned enough public support to gain him another chance to face erstwhile conqueror Emile Griffith and win the welterweight title.

From the world of science and knowledge has come an echoing estimate of boxer Rodriguez's audience appraisal. One of the world's most noted anthropologists, Dr. Margaret Mead, in a defense of boxing which startled the nation, singled out "commercialism" as the corrupting agent in a sport which as she put it . . . *"gives minorities a rare chance to reach superior status."*

The word "commercialism" is easily translated into "cash customers" and since agreement is unanimous that the customers want action, excitement and kayoes rather than skill and science, the trouble is apparent.

Besides the crowd's mayhem inclinations it goes to the extreme in the U.S.A. in rejecting a fighter's "resigning" or "retiring" in his corner as unworthy of a ringman.

So imbedded is the gladiatorial ideal in the minds of the people that courageous displays similar to Jim Braddock's threat to manager Joe Gould, that he never would speak to him again" if Joe halted the fight with Louis, are held up as models of a boxer's behaviour under stress.

Certainly no one can do aught but admire Jim's courage, and devotion to the championship traditions of the ring. But with the best interests of both the sport and its participants in mind, the wisdom of such a custom is questionable.

For many years British tolerance of the fighter who "resigned" in his corner was ridiculed over here, although, ironically, American Paul Pender is the most conspicuous "resignee" to appear in England in recent years.

It will be recollected that Pender retired after nine rounds in his title fight with Terry Downes in London on July 11, 1961. Pender had been ill with a cold.

In Great Britain, the Continent and in Australia, far from being castigated for lack of courage, a boxer who retires between rounds is credited not only with good hard common sense: in acting to avert injury to himself, he favors his sport by his good judgment.

American crowds, tardy in making adjustment to this way of thinking, while showing disappointment at the moment, have upon reflection taken a more reasonable view. No stigma has attached itself to a fighter's resorting to this health protecting move of any duration.

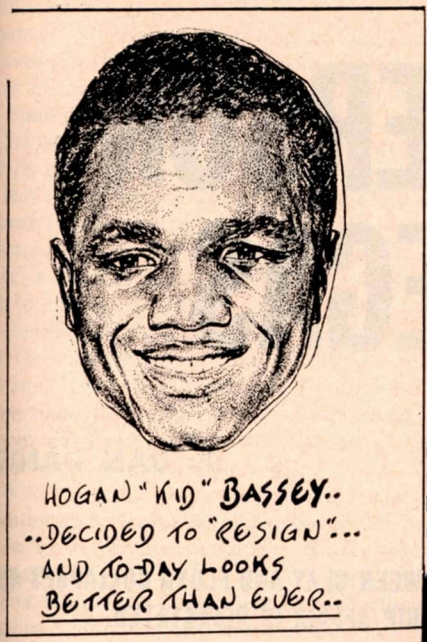
LESNEVICH NOT ONE OF THOSE WHO LINGERED

This has been notably so in the case of gamester Gus Lesnevich. In a long career adorned by many a valiant ring effort, Gus, in his final bout against Ezzard Charles, fearful of eye damage, did not come out for the 7th round of their heavyweight title match on Aug. 10, 1949.

Today, vigorous, bright eyed and bustling, Gus, busy with business activities bounces about the boxing beat, refereeing and making personal appearances, a wise man who knew when to retire.

Over here for Dick Tiger's title fights Hogan "Kid" Bassey never looked better. In both his featherweight title bouts with Davey Moore, Bassey could see no point in continuing a losing cause. *"I can not win,"* he admitted to manager Jersey Jones in his corner between rounds 12 and 13 in the first, and 10 and 11 in the second.

Asked for his ideas on Bassey's retiring" after winning the championship, Moore replied, *"Of course I don't blame*



Bassey for not going on. That's his right. Sometimes it's the smartest thing to do."

SOMETIMES THEY STOP WHEN LEAST EXPECTED

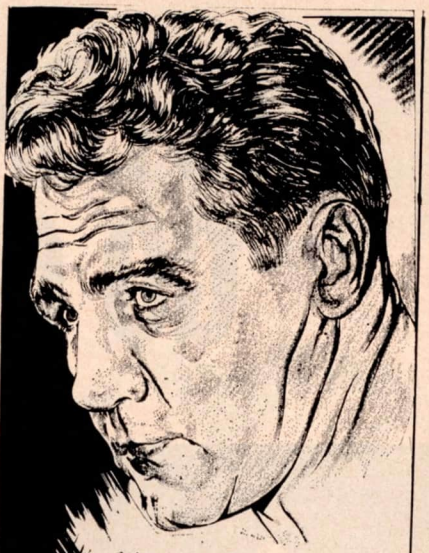
Then, in an afterthought tinged with prophecy and motivated by the American concept, added, *"But I would never do so."*

Sometimes the urge to "resign" occurs where least expected. "Two-ton Tony" Galento blustered and brawled his way through a turbulent term in the ring, barring no man, giving no quarter and asking none, performing valorously against Joe Louis and never taking a back step in the ring. But when the time came Tony knew when to call a halt. That time came between the 7th and 8th rounds against Max Baer in Jersey City on July 2, 1940. Like Lesnevich and Bassey, Tony was a brave man in the ring. Like them, too, he was terrified by the prospect of eye injury.

Way back in 1919 there were non-combatant heroes who faulted Jess Willard for failing to respond to the bell for the fourth round, after his terrible trial against Jack Dempsey in Toledo.

Repeated viewings of the fight pictures make such criticism nonsense. Few human beings ever absorbed such physical punishment. Regardless of whether Willard, could not possibly have continued, or whether he should have gone on, his action was certainly best for all concerned. Jess is still active and mentally alert at the age of eighty.

His face, especially about the eyes, terribly bruised and battered, after regaining the featherweight title from Sandy Saddler in 1949, Willie Pep resolved there would be no re-occurrence of any such danger to his physical well being.



In his third and fourth matches with Saddler in 1950 and 1951, Pep, worn and weary, from the strength and slashing punches of his younger opponent, could see no point in jeopardizing himself any further and wisely resigned at the halfway mark on both occasions.

Willie, whose contempt for "fighters who fight with their faces" was oft-expressed wasn't going to allow his own physiognomy to undergo any further flailing from Saddler's fists. Nor has his good judgment deterred critics from declaring him one of the greatest boxers of all time.

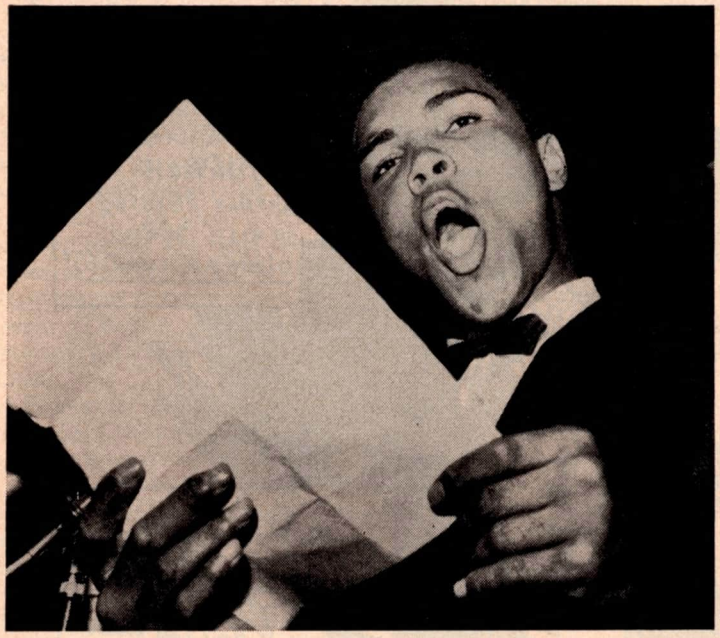
While the resigning boxer usually has been linked with British custom, it was the Great Welsh boxer, Jimmy Wilde who in his losing match with Pancho Villa in this country, played up an opposite feeling.

Cruelly beaten by the dynamic little Filipino and well past his prime, "England's Mighty Atom" as he was known in those days, adamantly advised his corner man, *"Do not throw in the towel under any conditions. I am a champion and I must go out like one!"* *(Continued on page 46)*

LISTON—PATTERSON GO OFF TO VEGAS

By DAN DANIEL

MATCH BETWEEN CLAY AND FLOYD COLLAPSES AS CHAMPIONSHIP AFFAIR IS REINSTATED.



Cassius doing what he does best . . . singing his own praises. Clay got tired of waiting for a match with Patterson and went off to England to fight Henry Cooper.

Patterson who is back at his Highland Mills, N. Y. hideout, getting ready again for title recovery effort.

OF a sudden, things began to perk in the hitherto somnolent heavyweight division.

There were stirrings when Cassius Clay beat Doug Jones in New York's Garden. Then came talk of a Patterson-Clay fight. When this effort collapsed on Harry Markson's refusal to enter the Garden into a joint promotion with Championship Sports, Inc., there were rumblings that the return match between Sonny Liston and Patterson had been reinstated.

Then came an announcement from the Bolans that they had sent this fight all the way to Las Vegas, where it will be held on June 27 in an arena with fewer than 8,000 seats.

Thus does the heavyweight championship of the world find itself reduced as a live entertainment, and complete stress is thrown on whatever profits the fight may offer through closed circuit theatre television.

The match first was proposed for Miami Beach, then for Baltimore, where Liston favored its being located. Later there were other proposals. Finally it came down to Las Vegas, which is the one live and eager location in all the United States in so far as campaigning for championship fights is concerned.

Just before the Bolans came through with their long delayed announcement, Ingemar Johansson, heavyweight champion of Europe, propelled himself back into the situation with a twelve round decision over Brian London, of England, at Stockholm.

True, the Swede was on the floor, with the count at four, when the final bell rang. But he took most of the previous eleven rounds and, considering that he had not fought since June 17, 1962, when he stopped Dick Richardson in eight, he was entitled to some consideration.

With Patterson back in the Liston picture, Clay, who fights Henry London in England on June 18, is confronted with waiting for Patterson or taking on Johansson.

The Liston-Patterson fight was reinstated in spite of the champion's strong disinclination to meet Floyd again.

At Comiskey Park, Liston stopped Patterson in 2 minutes 6 seconds. The fast, emphatic and consummate manner in which Sonnyboy disposed of Floyd left doubt as to the need for a second meeting and the public response to the match if the Bolans, Roy Cohn and Julius November insisted on going through with it.

Of that Chicago fight, the inference was that Liston would want to rush Patterson back into a ring, belt him out again, and go on to some more interesting action and inviting pay days.

However, believe it or not, Liston has developed a mental block regarding that return match with Patterson. Why?

Is it conceivable that Liston envisions a repetition of the second Patterson-Johansson fight?

It will be recollected that after having been battered unmer-

cifully by the Swede, Floyd came back with one of the most dramatic achievements of ring history and became the first heavyweight to recover the championship.

Is Liston apprehensive, even after a one round knockout of Patterson?

Is Liston superstitious, even after the seemingly clinching and utterly convincing evidence brought out in that Chicago affair?

Has Liston become lazy, disinclined to action with unaccustomed riches, and so thoroughly out of shape that he faces a second fight with Patterson with misgivings?

It's a series of questions which require the aid of a psychologist to unravel.

Liston said that he does not want to fight Patterson again for the most obvious of reasons. First, there is no popular demand for the fight. Second, it would not be a contest any more than was the affair at Comiskey Park. Third, the public would not pay to see the event either as a "live" attraction or as a closed circuit theatre offering.

With Patterson disqualified on the score of lack of adequate chances, and a match with Clay out of the question at this time, there lay before Sonny the opportunity to encounter Ingemar Johannson.

Since Patterson stopped the Swede in their third fight a year ago last March, why was Ingemar any more eligible than Floyd?

GARDEN FOLLOW-UP BALKED BY PATTERSON

A Patterson match having collapsed, Clay and his connections lost no time in grabbing a Cooper fight in England. There is no intention by the Faversham group to keep Cassius in deep freeze pending those widely advertised alleged opportunities for richer returns.

The failure of the Patterson contingent to accept the Garden's offer of a fight with Clay prevented Harry Markson from following up on the tremendous surge in boxing interest created by the Clay-Jones fight.

Every rule of promotion counselled immediate work for Cassius on an extraordinary scale, most particularly against Patterson, in Yankee Stadium in June. What happened?

Well, the whole thing started with Patterson's visit to the Brooklyn home of Teddy Brenner, the Garden match maker.

Patterson announced that he wanted to fight Clay for the Garden. This offer astonished Brenner as D'Amato had placed the Garden out of bounds for Floyd.

Brenner told Patterson that the Garden would be delighted to promote a fight with Clay.

A few days later Patterson returned, with Julius November, his legal advisor,—rather his all around guide.

Brenner said that the Garden would give up 60 percent of the net for an indoor fight, 65 for an outdoor affair.

Patterson was to be guaranteed $150,000 with a 32½ percent break. Clay was to be guaranteed 27½ percent for a Yankee Stadium showing.

There was a third conference about the fight, and then, much to the amazement of Markson and Brenner, November failed to make a promised telephone call and negotiations collapsed.

According to Markson, November asked him if the Garden would enter into a 50-50 enterprise with the Bolans and Championship Sports, Inc., promoters of the Chicago title fight.

Markson revealed that he had informed November, in the most emphatic terms, that the Garden would not share a promotion with the Bolans or anybody else.

Shortly thereafter Markson announced that efforts to make a match between Patterson and Clay had failed.

A week later Al Bolan announced that the Liston-Patterson return match had been reinstated.

Al said that Liston's injured knee, which, it had been reported, would have to be operated on, would not need surgery.

Sonny, like Patterson, has resumed training although reports on the condition of his knee are conflicting as to whether or not an operation is required, at this time. With most of his money from the first fight tied-up, Liston has no reason not to go through with a rematch against Floyd.

Bolan's talk about a renewal of plans for a second Liston-Patterson meeting failed to get the boxing writers excited.

It was said that Liston, now very much out of shape, would return to training at once, and Patterson would speed up the tempo of his work at Highland Mills, N. Y., near Cornwall. Efforts to get in touch with Patterson at the training camp proved fruitless.

Bolan said that Liston had put up $75,000 guaranteeing a return match with Patterson. This was said to be Jack Nilon's money.

Bolan added that Championship Sports, Inc. had offered Patterson a minimum guarantee of $200,000 for a Clay fight, and $175,000 to Cassius for a meeting with the former champion.

The way the situation shaped up, it was a promoter's stalemate. The Bolans had Patterson back in their fold and the Garden had Clay sewed up.

With neither side willing to give, and there being no discernible reason why the Garden should yield and enter into a dual promotion, a fight badly needed by boxing was being blocked.

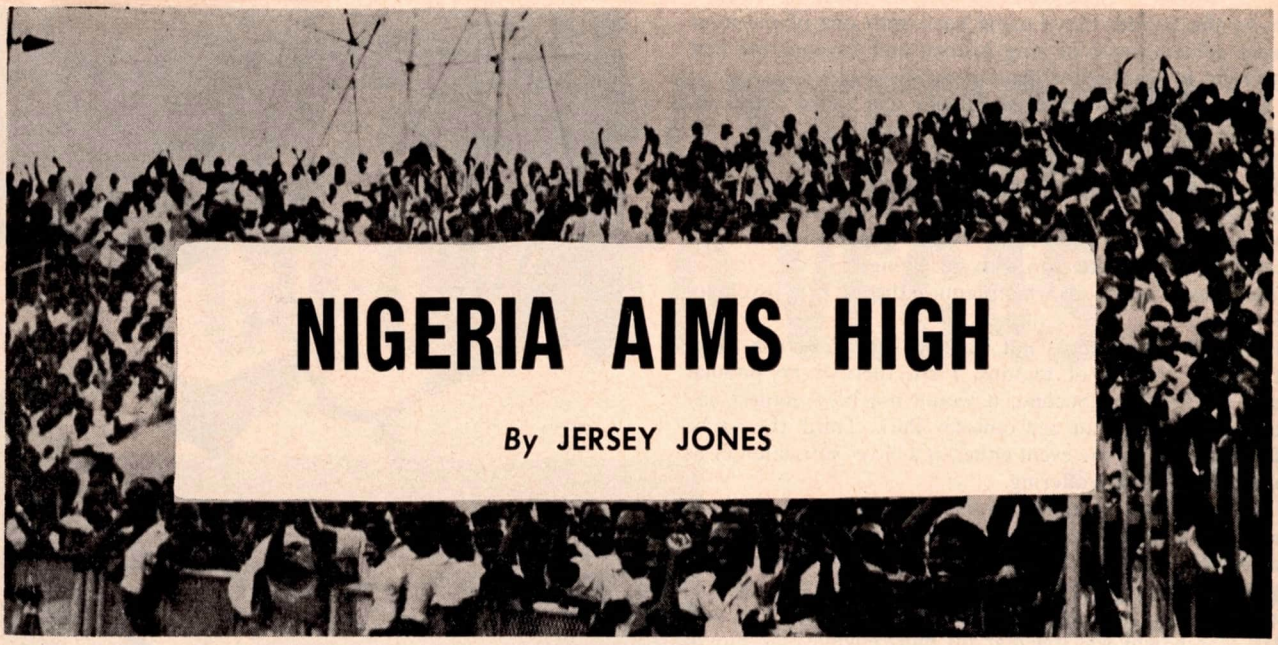
Al Bolan said that Liston had received full payment for the Chicago fight and that Patterson would collect his balance before June 1.

After his victory over Jones, Clay became the biggest attraction in boxing and one of the most talked about fighters in a couple of decades.

Clay's brash boasting, his efforts at so-called poetry, his living up to every rule and regulation in the old and almost forgotten book of Ballyhoo, built up an attraction which American boxing long had been hoping for.

Having seen this rare bird function so dramatically in and out of the ring, the USA had to sit by while Cassius was forced to take on fight in England.

The game cries for dramatic action, for spectacular publicity —yes, for a boasting technician.



NIGERIA AIMS HIGH

By JERSEY JONES

A STRANGE thing happened to Dick Tiger and Gene Fullmer on their way to a third meeting for the world middleweight championship.

The bout will not be held in the United States or Canada, as originally planned, but in far-off Nigeria, Tiger's homeland.

To begin at the beginning:

After their disputed draw in Las Vegas on February 23, several promoters put in bids for the next match between the rivals.

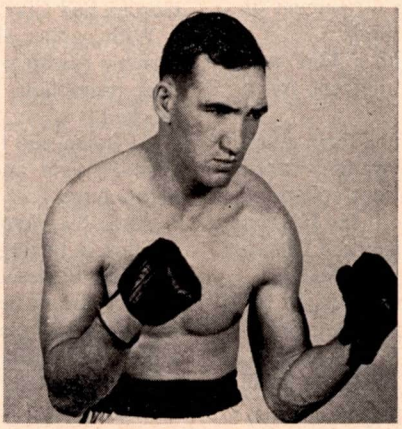
The Gillette razor people, who have sponsored Madison Square Garden's weekly televised fight programs for more than fifteen years, conducts two of its biggest annual advertising campaigns in June (for Father's Day) and December (for Christmas). The Garden cooperates by booking outstanding attractions, usually championship affairs, for the dates Gillette wants. This year Tiger and Fullmer shaped up as the best available offering. Gillette was offering $100,000 for the bout. The date specified was June 8. All that remained to be decided was the site, and the selection had narrowed down to Bozeman, Montana; Edmonton, Alberta, and New York City.

Suddenly, early in March, the Nigerian Government, with Federal Minister of Labor and Social Welfare J. M. Johnson as spokesman, moved into the scene, suggesting that Tiger's *next* defense of his laurels should be in Nigeria. The Government, said Mr. Johnson, was prepared to post 20,000 pounds—$56,000 in American exchange—to underwrite any financial losses on the venture.

No one in either Tiger or Fullmer camp regarded the offer seriously, feeling it was merely a publicity stunt.

Nigeria, although an enthusiastic sports nation, had never been the scene of a big-time fight. Opportunities for promising native ringmen had been limited there. Any time a young Nigerian boxer displayed unusual talent in small-time local bouts, he promptly packed his luggage and headed for Britain or the European continent to further his fistic ambitions. Not only had two Nigerians—featherweight Hogan Bassey and middleweight Dick Tiger—gone on to world titles, but a score of other Nigerians had attained various degrees of success in international competition outside their native land.

Although Nigeria has turned out two world champions and a score of other outstanding ringmen, Dick Tiger (above) will be the first title-holder to defend his laurels in his native land.



Determined to regain the championship he lost to Tiger, Gene Fullmer (above) has agreed to travel to far-off Nigeria and fight in his opponent's homeland for the opportunity he craves.

Now, suddenly, Nigeria wanted a world championship bout, with its own Dick Tiger defending his laurels!

Apparently, however, Mr. Johnson wasn't too confident of the financial success of the venture—not if his Government was prepared to underwrite losses! Even though a boxing show represents a precarious gamble at any time, it isn't a prevailing custom for promoters to figure on losing money. With their eternally optimistic outlook, they do their advance estimating in likely profits.

Tiger's board of directors, in New York and London, tried to explain to Mr. Johnson that they needed something more substantial than a guarantee of $56,000 to underwrite losses on the promotion. The second Tiger-Fullmer bout, in Las Vegas, had paid off approximately $200,000 in net receipts—$100,000 from television and radio and $100,000 from box-office business. That show was a financial success, for fighters and promoters. A third match between Tiger and Fullmer was a certainty to do as well, perhaps better, regardless of whether it was held in Bozeman, Edmonton or New York.

Would Nigeria be able to match these figures?

Yes, said Mr. Johnson.

It was Mr. Johnson's idea to have

Episode No. 3 in Dick Tiger-Gene Fullmer Series for the Middleweight Championship Will Be First World Title Match Staged in African Land.

Hogan Bassey act as promoter. Since retiring from the ring, Hogan had been official coach of Nigeria's amateur boxers.

It was explained to Mr. Johnson that Bassey, although he'd been a fine little fighter and was a popular personality in Nigeria, had no experience in promoting, and that a big-time fight needed a big-time producer to stage the show as it should be staged. Jack Solomons of London was suggested for the role. Bassey could be listed as a co-promoter.

The suggestion was acceptable to Mr. Johnson, who thereupon invited Solomons and the representatives of Tiger and Fullmer to visit Nigeria, look over the site of the proposed bout and the various training and hotel facilities and discuss the many details involved in the promotion.

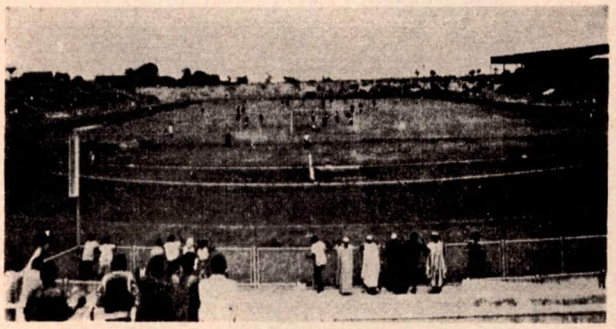
Meanwhile, at the annual dinner of the New York Boxing Writers Association, Tiger was honored with the Edward J. Neil Trophy as the "Fighter of the Year 1962." Among the guests were Nigeria's two top emissaries to the United States—J. M. Udochi, ambassador to Washington, and S. O. Adebo, ambassador to the United Nations. Addressing the assembled gathering, Chief Adebo made an impassioned plea for Tiger to defend his laurels in Nigeria. "We have had two world champions," he said, "but neither one has ever boxed as champion in his homeland. You have championship fights all the time in the United States. Don't you think we're entitled to *one?* We want Dick Tiger to fight for us while he is still champion."

This was on March 24. The day after the dinner Tiger left by 'plane for Nigeria, and two days later he was followed by his and Fullmer's representatives, who picked up Solomons and Tiger's European manager in London, and continued on to Nigeria.

The party met with an enthusiastic welcome when it landed at the Lagos airport. Although late at night, the field was jammed with hundreds of curious Nigerians, eager for a peek at the distinguished visitors.

The official reception committee was headed by Mr. Johnson, and the delegation included Tiger, Bassey, several Government officials and a score or more newspaper reporters and photographers.

Once the introductions and interviews were over, Mr. Johnson, a genial host, personally escorted the guests to one of Lagos' leading hotels, an attractive, modern edifice overlooking a picturesque lagoon. Lagos, federal capital of Nigeria, is an island off the southwest coast.



A view of spacious Liberty Stadium in Abidan, where bout will be held. A modern arena, the stands can seat about 30,000, while the vast field could accommodate anywhere from 40,000 to 50,000. (Opposite page: A camera shot of enthusiastic Nigerians watching a sports event in the Stadium.)

An interesting personality, J. M. Johnson. A big, strapping chap, standing some six feet, three inches in altitude and scaling a solid 235 pounds, he gave the impression of being something of an athlete himself. The impression was not misleading. He had, indeed, been active in sports, having done some boxing in his youth and expanding his athletic activities to soccer and cricket. At 51, he still looked formidable enough to hold his own in any sports competition.

Nigeria's two world champions (Dick Tiger, left, and Hogan Bassey, right) are guests of honor at a sports dinner in Lagos during a recent get-together in Nigerian capital. The master of ceremonies is a local sportsman.

Early the next morning, Mr. Johnson arrived at the hotel to lead an automobile expedition to Ibadan, capital of Nigeria's western region, and the largest city in the land, with a population estimated at more than a million.

Ibadan is about 90 miles north of Lagos, and the newly macadamized roads made for pleasant traveling.

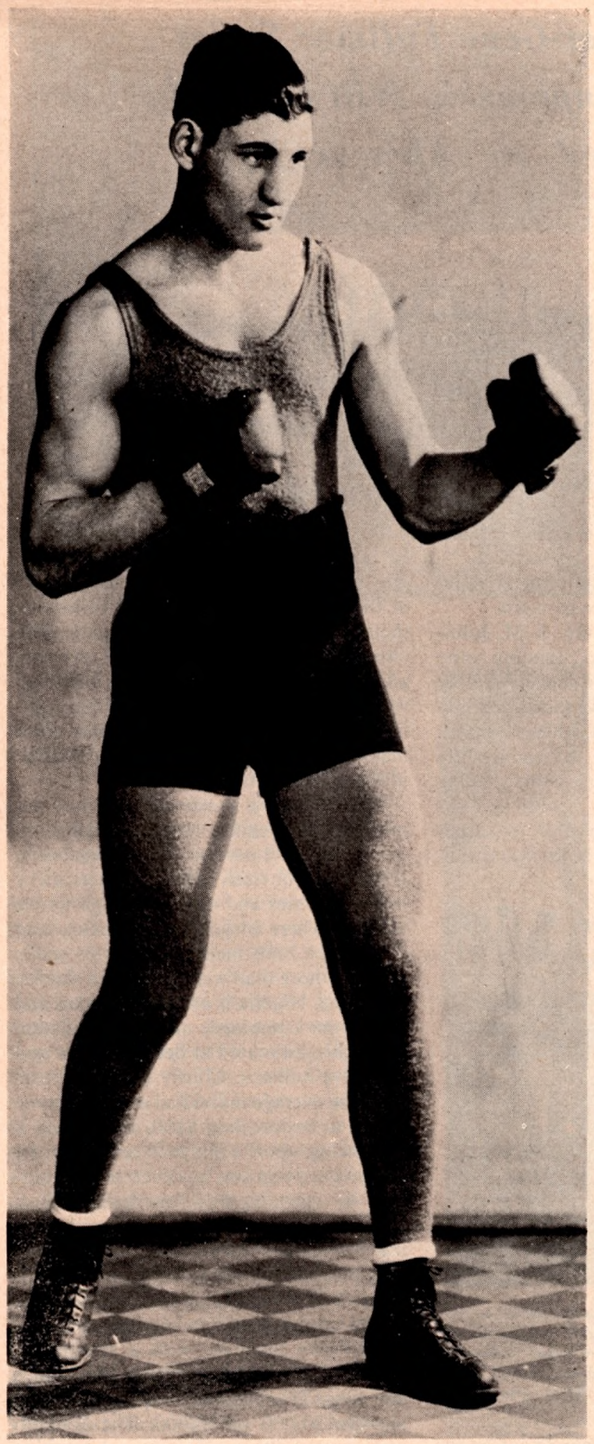
It was an interesting, educational jaunt. Nigeria probably is the most progressive of the score of African nations to receive their independence in recent years. The cities offer a strange mixture of the new and the old—modern buildings blending with quaint bustling native markets. Confirming the progress the nation has been making, traffic jams are becoming routine in the busy streets.

Unfortunately, prosperity hasn't as yet reached the teeming masses, which constitute about 90 percent of the population. It becomes obvious when one gets away from the cities and drives through native villages, where bicycles are a luxury and the houses, built mainly of clay or stone, are little more than weather-beaten shacks.

In area, Nigeria is as large as Texas and Oklahoma combined, and its population is roughly estimated at between forty and forty-five millions. Chiefly an agricultural land, the average individual annual income is said to be less than $100. The nation is embarking upon a six-year economic development program, however, and its outlook is encouraging. American, British and European industries have been investing in Nigeria's future.

A pleasant surprise awaited the expedition when it arrived in Ibadan. The site of the proposed fight was spacious, modern Liberty Stadium, with a seating capacity of probably 30,000 in the stands and a vast field capable of accommodating another 30,000 or 40,000. The Stadium was erected for a gala carnival marking Nigeria's Independence Day in October, 1960. It has since been the scene of many outdoor athletic activities—football, lawn tennis, boxing, track-and-field meets, cricket and field hockey.

A new, airy gymnasium at the University of Ibadan could be equipped for a fighter's training quarters, and a modern hotel nearby offered all the comfort and convenience even the most fastidious guest could ask for. *(Continued on page 49)*



Johnny Grosso, sensational young Mount Vernon heavyweight, who Billy Gibson, manager of champions, was confident would become another king of the ring. Grosso and Gibson were in for rude shocks, however, when Johnny tangled with the veteran Italian Jack Herman at the old Columbus Club in Yonkers.

By **BILL LIBBY**

GORY NIGHT IN YONKERS

DURING the mid-20s Billy Gibson, manager of Gene Tunney and Benny Leonard, was nursing fond visions of another world champion in the husky young person of Johnny Grosso of Mount Vernon. Grosso had been blazing a sensational trail through the heavyweight division and seemed, indeed, to be headed for the glory and riches Gibson so enthusiastically predicted for him.

Italian Jack Herman was a veteran campaigner serving mainly as a "trial horse" for young heavyweights. He was expected to be another easy victim for the spectacular Grosso when they were matched at the Columbus Club in Yonkers.

You'll not find the names of Johnny Grosso and Italian Jack Herman included in any listing of all-time ring greats. Both have long since died. Grosso, only 26, was fatally shot in a street argument on October 13, 1932. Herman, at 43, passed away December 6, 1941—the day before Pearl Harbor.

But, to those survivors of the crowd that sat in on that battle in Yonkers nearly four decades ago, there probably has never been, and may never be, another ring "war" to match that one for action, drama, thrills—and a stunning result.

It was a bloody, savage brawl that endured for seven rounds before favored Grosso, smashed to the canvas fifteen times, after he had floored Herman twice and staggered him on innumerable occasions, was no longer able to continue.

The date of the fight was Thursday, April 15, 1926. It was a cool spring night, with the temperature reading 41 degrees. That afternoon the president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, was ill and unable to attend the Senate prohibition hearings in Washington.

That night in Yonkers there was a Charleston contest and a Fireman's Ball. "The Far Cry," described in the theater page advertisement as "a smashing story with Blanche Sweet," was playing at Proctor's, and Lewis Stone was appearing in "Fine Clothes" at the Broadway.

The Park Hill Theater was showing "The Johnstown Flood," George O'Brien starring, and with admirable restraint it was described as "breathless heroism, heart-rending suffering, miraculous escapes and daring adventure realistically depicted in a great drama of history's most appalling disaster."

If this left the audience dissatisfied, there was a special stage show featuring stage, screen and radio stars in person, and the "Park Hill Symphonic Orchestra."

It was a day when eggs went for 35 cents a dozen and you could buy a ham for 33 cents. Something called a "Radiola 28," a monstrous-looking radio, was available for "only $260," a bargain when you consider that it promised to cut out nearby stations in favor of distant ones, and you got "radiotrons" thrown in for nothing.

BIG FIGHTS WERE HELD IN SMALL CITY ARENAS

The Washington Senators, of all teams, led the American League, but — the season had just begun. The big baseball debate concerned the relative merits of current stars Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth and Rogers Hornsby. Lefty Grove was baseball's top pitcher. Outside of baseball, Charley Paddock was "the world's fastest human."

Some 2,500 fans made their way into the arena to see Grosso and Herman do battle.

Big fights were still held in small arenas in small towns in those days. There was no television, of course.

They were heavyweights, but not giants. Herman weighed 190 pounds, Grosso four less. Yet, when old-timers were questioned, they spoke of "mastadons," "huge men," "giants, who shook old Columbus Hall to its foundations each time they fell to the canvas." It is the first of many examples of memory's strange wanderings.

Bill Spring wrote that "Italian Jack Herman, the devastating, ravaging, wild-swinging tiger of the squared circle, met Johnny Grosso, youthful, promising and powerful . . . Herman won by a knockout in the seventh round after flooring the courageous Mount Vernon lad no less than eight times before the final knockdown. This was the most sensational fight ever seen here, the best this writer has ever seen or will expect to see."

How well he saw it is a question. The RING magazine, credited Herman with flooring Grosso 15 times. He went down himself twice, for a total of seventeen knockdowns, one of the outstanding fights in that matter in American ring history.

One record book credits Herman with flooring Grosso 17 times and lists only three more badily punished fighters. At least one who says he attended remembers no less than 21 knockdowns. Another specifically recollects 13.

Yellowing sports pages, slower to decay than memory, list nine knockdowns against Grosso, including the last one, and two against Herman.

GROSSO TOOK FIRST TWO ROUNDS EASILY

Grosso won the first two rounds. He floored Herman a couple of times in the second, battered him furiously and had him all but out on his feet. The third was even as arm-weary Grosso tired a bit. But he did not appear to be as tired as Herman. Herman was already cut up and bleeding. He seemed helpless and a sure loser.

Herman just had returned from a tour with Gene Tunney. Grosso heard that Tunney had dealt Herman some savage body punishments and that Herman was taking a great physical risk just being in the ring.

Perhaps Grosso underestimated Herman, or was waiting for him to give way entirely. In any event, he was caught off guard as an enraged Herman turned on him. From somewhere within his pain-wracked body, Herman mustered strength.

In the fourth round, the tide of battle turned. An enraged Herman, as Spring wrote, "ripped his slaughtering punches unmercifully into Johnny." Grosso was on his feet, but stunned at the bell.

He moved dazedly from his stool to begin the next round and found Herman rushing at him "like a wildman." Suddenly Herman was no longer tired and helpless.

A right clubbed Grosso down for nine. He got up again and a left knocked him to the canvas once more. His aching legs straightened him erect barely in time to beat the count as the bell tolled. It was a "slaughter" and Grosso's defensive efforts were now "pitiful."

In the sixth, Herman swung wild right hands, clubbing Grosso down. Even ringsiders began to lose count. Midway in the session, Grosso was able to land one booming punch that staggered Herman and momentarily revived the hopes of his rooters, but his chance passed. *(Continued on page 46)*

Billy Gibson's usual smile, pictured here, had done a vanishing act when the Herman-Grosso battle ended. The finish wasn't exactly what Gibson had expected, but the fans had witnessed a sensational brawl they'd long remember.

PUNCH LINES FROM OUR READERS

KEEP PUNCHING

Dear Sir,

I am writing in reply to a letter in the March issue by Mr. Albert de Belle. In it he suggests that all boxing matches should be decided on points, and 'sluggers' should be discouraged by abolishing the 'knock-out.'

If these suggestions come into being, the popularity of boxing would decline very rapidly indeed. Admittedly it is good to see two clever stylists in action occasionaly, but throughout boxing history the boxer with the reputed 'knock-out' punch, the so-called 'slugger', is the fiighter who draws the crowds, and has helped to make boxing the popular sport it is, more so than the stylist with the educated left jab.

Fight fans past and present were, and still are, fascinated by the 'knock-out' merchant. Some of the rings most colorful characters were this type of fighter. A perfect example of this type, was Rocky Graziano, who, although not a skillful boxer, he electrified the fans with his style of two fisted fighting, and his terrific right hand.

Therefore I suggest to Mr. De Belle if the 'slugger', and the 'knock-out' punch were abolished, boxing would be a much poorer sport, with just a collection of powder puff punching pansies remaining.

George Baggott
Wolverhampton, Eng.

COMPARISON

Dear Sir:

Once again the man in the street is outraged. The cry goes up—kill boxing in California, etc.,—a brutal sport and the usual cliches.

One question is often put which yours truly does not have the answer to, and I thought that once and for all you could answer it for me.

They say that there are more deaths in automobile racing than in fighting, yet you seldom see a punch-drunk automobile driver.

The after effects of fighting can result in slurred speech, physical infirmities and addled brains. To squelch the hecklers—how could you explain the difference in the two sports?

Stanley Tanner
Los Angles, California

(Ed Note) in auto racing one may not live long enough to get addled.

TOGETHERNESS

Gentlemen:

Abolishing Boxing? True the sport is in a bad state, but abolition is far from the solution needed to help boxing.

True boxing is a hazardous sport, but is it not true of all other sports? In fact, is it not life in general a risky existence? Auto accidents, drownings, fires, murders, heart attacks, sickness, etc.

The sport needs the help of citizens. Boxing, well-regulated, would be better than no boxing at all. Being one of the oldest sports in history, it certainly is not the time for it to die. It is the ill management of the sport that is hurting it, not the sport itself.

Let us all work together to restore boxing to its rightful place as a clean sport.

Daniel Peaches
Kayenta, Arizona

JACK JOHNSON

THOSE GIFTED WOMEN

Dear Sir:

In reference to the letter of Arthur Steele in the Ring—MEN, Yea-LADIES, Nay—may I pound out a short note in the defense of Women Wrestling.

I must admit that Mr. Steele's letter was terrifically written but, the material is somewhat reminiscent of the flowery style of Adlai Stevenson or the silver tongue of William Jennings Bryan. To state that woman wrestling is crude, vulgar and disgusting is a reflection on the person's making such assertions and in my opinion, if there are any abnormalities, they exist only in the minds and eyes of those persons making such criticisms.

One irrefutable fact is that many women have been talented in the field of wrestling and if such a sport were "abnormal" to the female sex, can Mr. Steele explain how this fits in with those women who are "naturally endowed" for this sport. One being gifted with a talent is NOT abnormal in my books, even in the sport of women wrestling! In fact, neither in the eyes of God, for that matter!

Mike J. Cannuli
Reading, Pa.

DON'T SUFFER

Gentlemen:

Concerning a letter in a recent "Ring" written by a "Devoted boxing fan" who has long suffered because of your wrestling section, I would like to say that if he does not like the "Mat World" all he has to do is continue tearing it out as he says he has been doing.

This gentleman refers to the wrestlers as perfumed pansies, whose effeminate traipsings would be more suitably displayed in the lady's washroom. I doubt if he has ever looked at the pictures in your wrestling section. If he had, he would not have complained about them. They are in good taste, and the only wrestlers wearing "effeminate traipsings" are the lady wrestlers.

I am not arguing for the validity of wrestling, nor am I arguing against the validity of boxing. I am just trying to give credit where credit is due. If you continue your coverage of wrestling, you will lose only a handful of subscribers and gain many more. On the other hand if you remove the wrestling section entirely, you will lose over half of your subscribers, who pay 50¢ a month for an eight page section on wrestling. Perhaps now that you are starting an exclusive wrestling magazine, Mr. Hoag will be satisfied. We wrestling fans will also be thankful that we don't have to buy all that boxing material just to find out what is going on in the wrestling world.

Also, concerning the ten-sided ring, for boxing. This is a reasonable idea, but who

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JOE LOUIS

BOXING WRITERS HOLD GALA

By NAT LOUBET

(Above) These smiling gentlemen are the award winners, (left to right) Dick Tiger, middleweight champion, Dr. Mal Stevens and Ruby Goldstein. Tiger was named the "Fighter of the Year for 1962", Stevens was honored with the James J. Walker Award for his long service to boxing as head of the New York State Athletic Commission's Medical Advisory Board while Ruby received a special award from his services as a referee and "Goodwill Ambassador". (Right) A happy Warrior Dick proudly displays his "Plaque proclaiming him the winner of the Edward J. Neil Memorial Award."

AFTER a January postponement because of the newspaper blackout in New York, the thirty-seventh annual dinner of the Boxing Writers' Association was held at the Americana Hotel on March 24.

With an attendance of 600 and a highly interesting and at times very significant programme, the dinner was written up as one of the most successful yet held by the association.

The night ended with the annual presentation of the Ed Neil Award, emblematic of the Fighter of the Year designation. This went to Dick Tiger, the middleweight champion of the world, who had beaten Gene Fullmer and then had been held to a draw by him.

The trophy was presented to Tiger by Barney Nagler, president of the BWA. Dick responded manfully. He was attended by His Excellency Chief S. O. Adebo, Ambassador from Nigeria to the United Nations, C. O. Hollist, Consul General from Nigeria, and His Excellency J. M. Udochi, Nigerian Ambassador to the United States.

The last named made a spirited appeal to the diners, in general, and the boxing writers, in particular, to support Nigeria's demand that the third Tiger-Fullmer fight be held in Africa.

The Ambassador said that neither of the two Nigerian champions of the world—Hogan Bassey was the first—had fought in his native land as a title holder. He added that since we had so many fights here, the Tiger-Fullmer affair would not be missed if moved to Nigeria.

The Ambassador said that close to $200,000 had been subscribed in Nigeria to guarantee against possible financial loss if the contest were held on African soil.

Jim Farley, one time New York Boxing Commissioner, made an appeal for uniformity of action among Commissions in the United States. This, he said, would eliminate the need for a Federal Commissioner of Boxing.

Joseph F. Carlino, speaker of the New York State Assembly, powerful in Republican circles, assured the diners that there had been no real effort to kill boxing by legislative fiat in New York state.

Assemblyman Hayward Plumadore, chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee to investigate Boxing, explained why that group had decided not to ask repeal of the Walker Boxing Law, in force for more than 40 years.

Plumadore appealed for Federal control of the sport and blasted the anti-boxing stand of Governor Pat Brown, of California, who had asked for a referendum after a legislative committee had backed boxing.

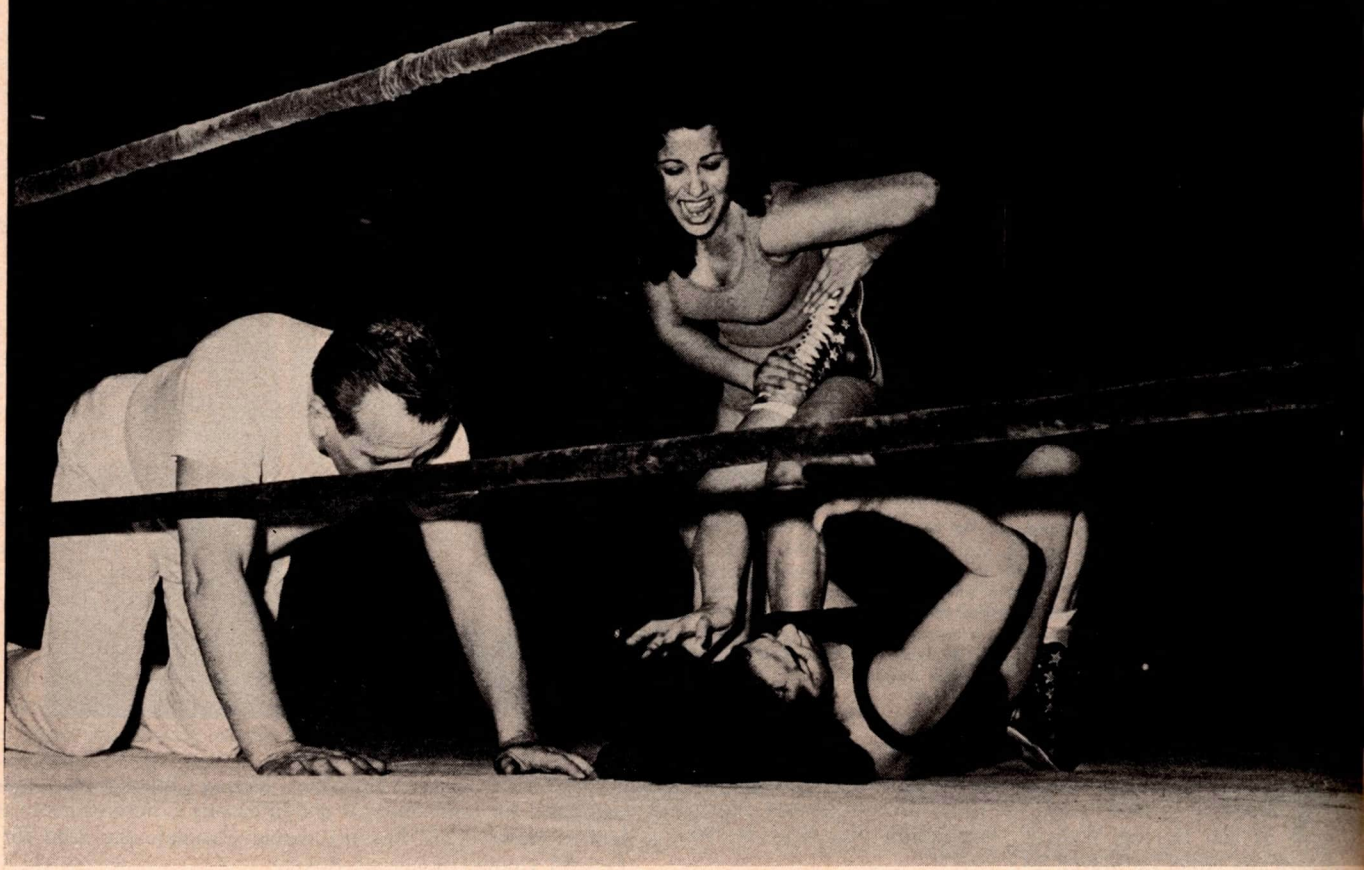
The Walker Award, for outstanding services to boxing over a long stretch of years, was presented to Dr. Mal Stevens, through Bob Considine. Dr. Stevens is chairman of the Medical Advisory Board operating under the New York State Commission.

Special awards were made to referee Ruby Goldstein, by Nat Fleischer, trainer Al Lacey, by Al Buck, and Willie Ritchie, as commissioner and fighter, by Dan Daniel, with Jersey Jones accepting for Willie.

The award to Goldstein for the designation of "Cas Adams Memorial."

The dinner was a striking tribute to the determination of the New York writers.

THE MAT WORLD



Olga Martinez, quickly coming to the fore as an outstanding mat star, has the Fabulous Moolah in temporary trouble as this photo is snapped. Moolah bridged and slid out from under to gain her own leg hold and body press to win the event. Below: The "Black Orchid", an aristocrat, known as the "dazzler of the mat", a Jack Pfefer protege, doing well in California.

By NAT LOUBET

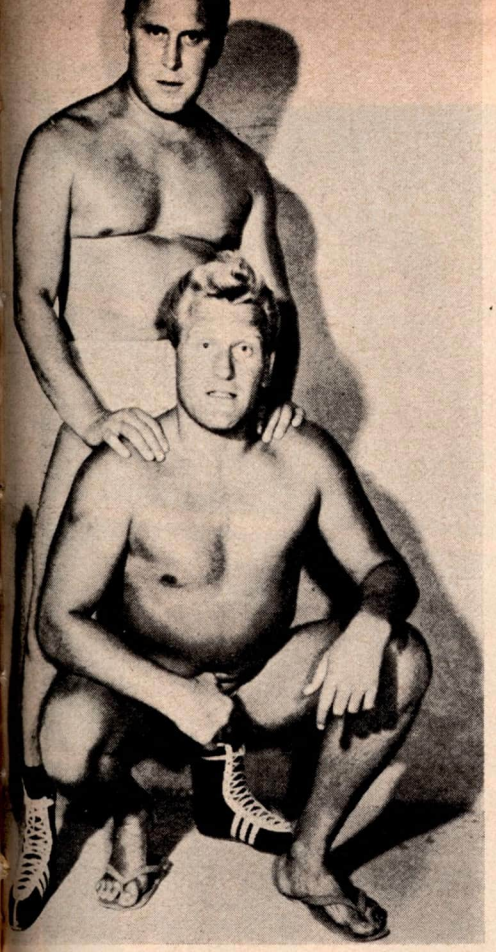
THE FAN CLUB CORNER

SINCE our new all-wrestling magazine, "Ring Wrestling", hit the stands we have been deluged by letters wanting to know when the next copy will be ready. The answer is, every two months and if following issues are received as well as our first endeavor we will increase the number of issues per year.

Janice Swisher sends along word that she has the only International Don Eagle fc and that she does not have a club for Barbara Baker . . . Janice's husband Robert is the president of Barbara Baker's club. Address: 67 Waverly Ave., Dayton 5, Ohio.

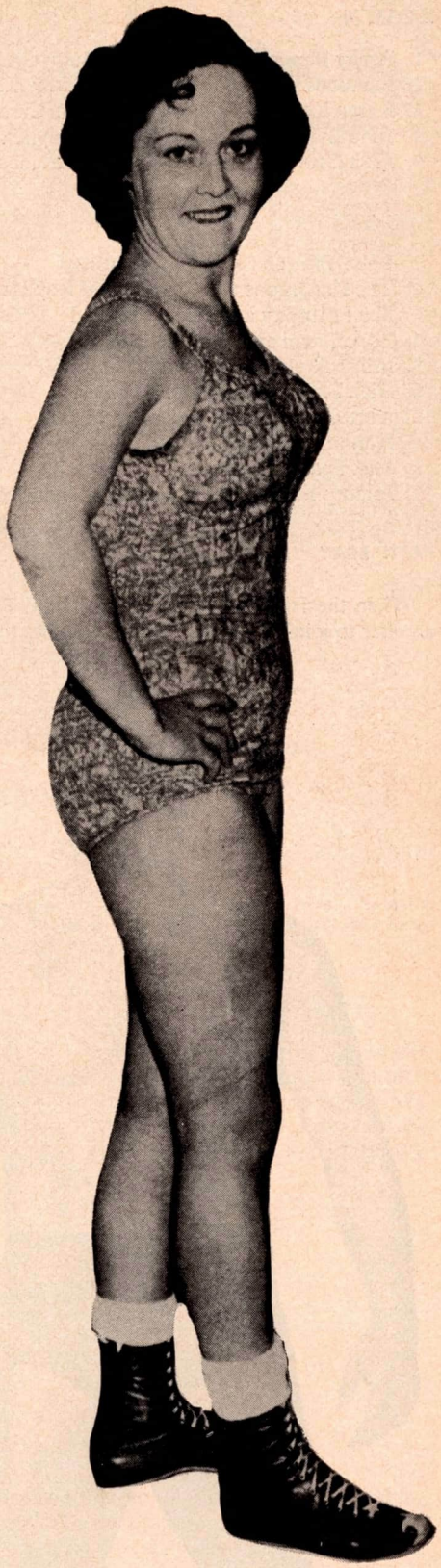
One reader would like to know the where-abouts of Al Kishey and Eric "Muscles" Peterson who when last heard of were going great guns in California. Where are you oh "Muscles"?

Judy Ward, president of the Danny Hodge fc writes that Danny is recuperating from a bout in the hospital and will be back in



The Bavarian Boys, Harry Wenzl and Rudy Jakobs (lower), a tag team that has gained popularity by their colorful action and ability. The boys wrestle in their native Bavarian costumes although the photo above taken in Austria in 1961 shows them in the trunks normally associated with grunt and groaners. In those days Rudy often grappled sans shoes.

Women and Tag Teams Biggest Draws As 1963 Hits Stride In Continuing Wrestling Boom.



A product of Charleston, West Virginia, Barbara Baker is no newcomer, but a veteran who had her first match back in 1951. On December 2, 1959 Barbara married Roy Lee Collins, a wrestler, at Houston, Texas. She is a top notch attraction.

action real soon. Write to Judy at Route 9, Box 393, Springfield, Mo.

Miss Sarah Yantis informs us that she does not have a club for Penny Banner at the present time and would the many fans she has been receiving mail from, since we announced the club in "Ring Wrestling," be kind enough to excuse her but the club is exunt . . . kaput.

Diane Devine reports that she has given up her Red McKim and Pat Lyda fc and is devoting all her time to her Mike Clancy fc. Drop her a line to Diane at 435 Fort Avenue, Springfield 3, Missouri.

Antone Leone, reported killed in China, called promoter LeRoy McGurk to inform him that he was very much alive and ready for further action.

Big Jim Grabmire is now campaigning in North Carolina rings where he is his usual success. Donna L. Wolfe, his fc prexy can be contacted by those interested at 472 Park Place, Springfield, Ohio.

Thanks to Maria Ann for her kind letter re her enjoyment of Ring wrestling and for making me an honorary member of her new fc for Pedro Morales. The International is open for new members, who can contact Maria at 12 Huntington Ave., New Haven 12, Connecticut.

WORLD RATINGS

MEN

1. Lou Thesz
2. Buddy Rogers
3. Killer Kowalski
4. Edouard Carpentier
5. The Destroyer
6. Bob "Cowboy" Ellis
7. Pat O'Connor
8. Fred Blassie
9. Ray Stevens
10. Count Billy Varga

WOMEN

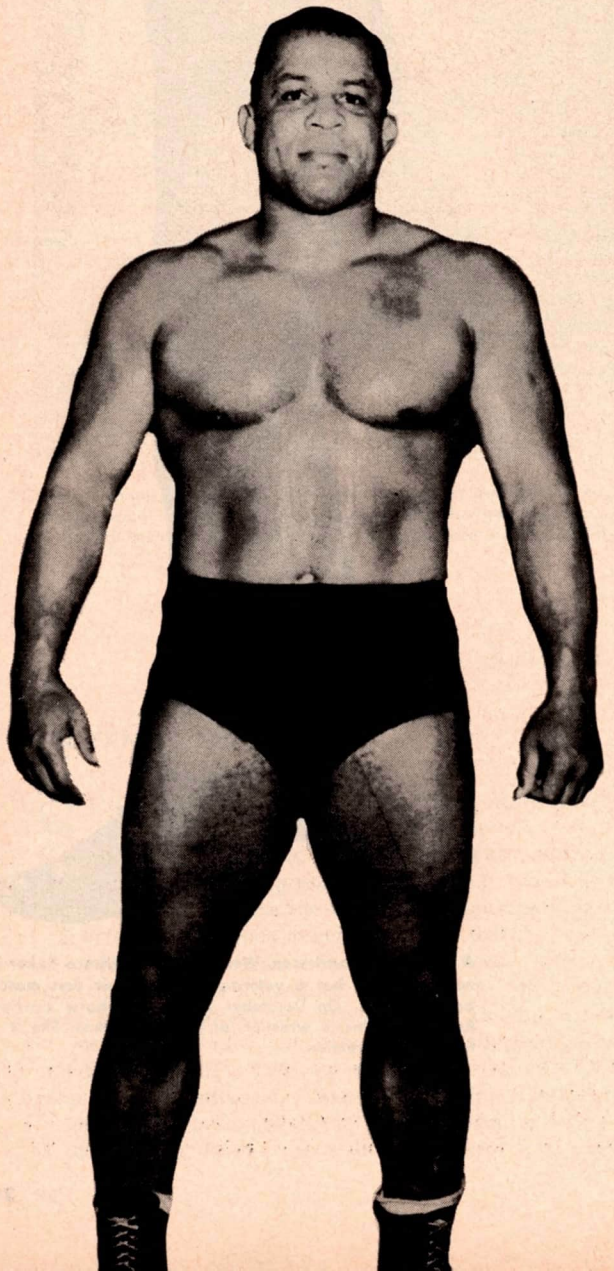
1. Penny Banner
2. Fabulous Moolah
3. Karen Kellog
4. June Byers
5. Fran Gravette
6. Judy Grable
7. Kathy Starr
8. Ann Casey
9. Evelyn Stevens
10. Lorraine Johnson

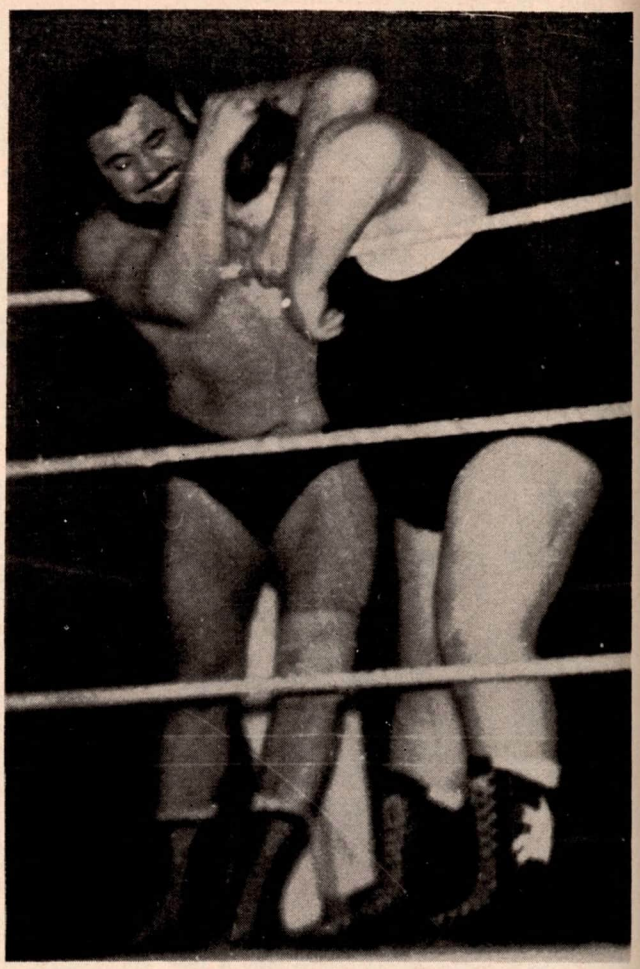
TAG TEAMS

1. Bobo Ellis and Johnny Valentine
2. The Kangaroos (Al Costello and Roy Heffernan)
3. Skull Murphy and Johnny Barend
4. Bobo Brazil and Dory Dixon
5. Mitsu Arakawa and Kinji Shibuya
6. Dick Steinborn and Doug Gilbert
7. Kurt and Karl von Brauner
8. Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff
9. Jack and Jim Dalton
10. Johnny Barend and Magnificent Maurice

PATTI BRAY

When the Irish Redhead, dimpled Patti Bray, turned down an offer to join one of the major Ice Shows touring the country





(Left) Luther Lindsey, no newcomer to the wrestling scene is currently doing a big job in the Kansas territory where by virtue of his sterling victory over Pat O'Connor, he is recognized in that area as the U.S. champion. (Above) Ivan Zukoff has Cry Baby Cannon in a headlock in Cedar Rapids, Iowa bout won by Zukoff. (Photo by Tom Hankins)

to do, as she puts it *"Something different,"* girl wrestling received a big boost.

This long-haired daughter of Erin liked wrestling as a spectator sport, but she loved ice skating better. It was during one of her skating visits to the Cincinnati Gardens that a talent scout for a big Ice Revue first saw her and tried to sign her up.

"I loved ice skating as a recreation," says the five foot, three, 125 pound native of Somerset, Kentucky. *"But I always wanted to do something more daring, more different and I told the scout to let me think it over."*

Patti, who worked in a Cincinnati factory making television and radio tubes, had long been enamored of both skating and wrestling.

With the close of the skating season, Patti turned to the wrestling arena for her relaxation. And, it wasn't suprising that the Kentucky redhead made the decision to devote her life to wrestling. The more she had thought of the offer to join the ice show, the more she was convinced that there wasn't enough excitement in it for her. But in wrestling she saw a challenge for her desire to be right up where the action was and she turned to the Cincinnati wrestling promoter for advice.

Wrestling is one sport that is attracting more and more girls into its ranks everyday and the promoter suggested that Patti give it a try.

Now, she's right in the middle of the color, the excitement and the glamour associated with the careers of girl wrestlers and Patti Bray is one who is really living it up as one of Buddy Lee's stellar girl attractions.

THE PRIDE OF SEGUIN
BY JOHN SEVIVAS

Among the sensational new crop of women wrestlers is pretty Margaret Garcia of Seguin, Texas. Within a few months this new star has dazzled her opponents with skill.

Standing 5'2" Margaret tips the Toledos at a trim 119 pounds but whatever she may lack in size she makes up in ring know-how. The brown hair, black-eyed beauty has had much success in Southern and New England rings.

Margaret began her training in Buddy Lee's school in Columbia, South Carolina at the end of September and two months later she made her successful debut in Lychburg, Virginia. Her first victim was Olga Darsey. After nine minutes, Margaret overpowered her adversary and emerged as the victor.

Miss Garcia then turned her sights on Massachusetts where many of the top names of female wrestling appear. In Lynchburg, she was pitted against another Latin star, Olga Martinez of Puerto Rico. In the first fall, Margaret forced Olga to submit to a flying head scissors at the 8 minute mark. However, after a series of body slams in the second fall, the match was evened up at a fall apiece when the Puerto Rican star turned the tables. In the decisive fall, Margaret had the final word as she secured the nod after a well executed dropkick and press.

Currently the girl from the Lone Star State has been thrilling audiences in the Georgia area with her ability and charm.

TO JOHNNY KOSTAS
BY JULIETTE BELL

To possess a talent such as his,
To get the "holds" that makes one hiss
To thrill an audience with fascination
Then receive the Wrestler's nomination.
With hands and head, and flying feet
We adore him in ring or out on the street.
The greatest wrestler to come our way
Is Johnny Kostas . . . HIP, HIP, HOORAY!
He's exciting in Wrestling, terrific, sensational
Even though imitated, he's the original.
The one and only champ of the ring
To his fans he'll always remain a king.
From Europe comes this heavy-weight champ
And when he enters the ring, just hear the feet stamp.

WINS AND PINS — NEW YORK
BY FRED RUBENSTEIN

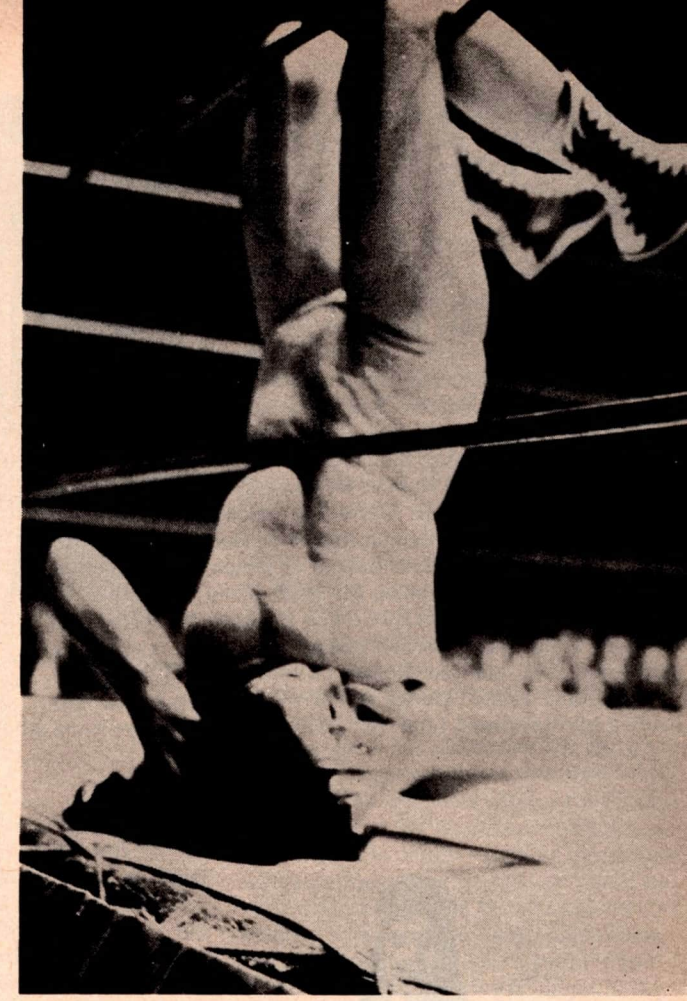
It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the team of Buddy Austin and The Great Scott on winning a version of the UNITED STATES TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP from Buddy Rogers and Handsome Johnny Barend on television.

Barend and Rogers were scheduled to meet Scott and Pete Sanchez, Rogers got his figure four Legvine on Sanchez and Pete quit, then Rogers wouldn't break the hold. Then from out of nowhere came Austin who probably saved Sanchez's legs. After they got Sanchez out of the ring, the promoter okayed the new team of Austin and Scott.

Second Fall: At the 8 minute mark Scott was pinning Rogers in Rogers corner, when Barend knee dropped Scott from the top rope, then suddenly a rare thing happened, Referee Vince DiPala disqualified Barend for this maneuver and evened up the bout.

Third Fall: At the 9 minute mark Austin pinned Barend. Then for a very good reason Barend turned and went after Rogers. It took the police to break it up. The reason, all through the match, when Barend went to tag Rogers, Rogers ignored him, thus costing them the title. Rogers is now scheduled to meet Barend in Madison Square Garden. As Barend told commentator Ray Morgan, *"I was wrong in the past and I ask forgiveness, and Mr. Morgan I stand before you a humble man."* It's the end of an era . . .

Here are this months results from ringside:
John Barend beat Gordo Chichacha in one fall.
Buddy Rogers beat Ronny Reed.
Jolly Cholly beat (Larry Simon) Malenko.
Jolly Cholly beat Skull Murphy in a return go.
Magnificent Maurice beat Jack Ostermiller.
Dory Dixon again drew with Buddy Rogers.



The Fabulous Moolah racked up on the ropes and left to dry by Bette Boucher, recovered and came back to defeat Boucher in a fast, slam bang brawl in a southern ring. (Photo by Gene Gordon)

ELBOW SMASHES
BY MIKE GLOVER

Six-time world champion Lou Thesz is apparently making good on his vow to be a "fighting" champ. Since flattening Buddy Rogers in Toronto last January, the La Jolla, California, veteran has beaten back challenges to his throne by Pat O'Connor, Killer Kowalski, Bill Miller, Ray Gunkel, Mark Lewin, Sam Steamboat, Dan Hodge, Mike Gallagher and Rito Romero —not to mention Rogers a second time in Toronto. Who says life doesn't begin at 44? . . . In the top of the news out on the West Coast, promoters there are formulating plans toward the achievement of a brand new mat alliance. Matchmaking moguls Jules Strongbow (Los Angeles), Roy Shire (San Francisco), Ed Francis (Honolulu), Rod Fenton (Vancouver, B.C.)

and Harry Elliott (Portland) met at Seattle early in March. First indications are that the group will not recognize Thesz as champion and will choose its own titlist from among candidates The Destroyer, Curtis Ieaukea, Shag Thomas, Art Michalik or Shag Thomas. . . .

Sweet Daddy Siki, the self-styled "Irresistable One," has moved into Texas to escape the cold weather up north. The veteran star has rough-and-tumble battlers Rip Hawk, Rock Hunter, Duke Keomuka and Killer Joe Christy praying for a heat wave . . . In Phoenix, Arizona, former AAU mat great and ex-Nebraska University football star Mike DiBiase challenged boxing's Grand Old Man, Archie Moore, to a ten-rounder and wound up a quick loser. The Mongoose stopped Iron Mike in 29 seconds of the third round. . . .

Dick Afflis and Czaya Nandor are feuding in the Detroit area, says promoter John Doyle. Seems The Bruiser double-crossed the Hungarian star in a demonstration of stomach muscles at the Motor City's Cobo Hall. Instead of jumping from the top rope onto Nandor's abdomen, the arch villain chose to drop knee-first on Nandor's neck . . . Leo Newman has been reinstated as Tough Tony Borne's manager in Texas. A sixty-day suspension had followed Newman's losing of a Fort Worth "Loser Leave Texas" grudge match with Marvin Jones, normally a referee around Lone Star mat circles. . . .

(Above) The Irish red head, Patti Bray, a five feet three inch, 125 pounder from Somerset, Kentucky, who has recently joined the female wrestling fraternity and shows a good deal of promise. (Right) Sonny Pascua, a 225 grappler from the Philippine Islands, currently making headway in Canada.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST WRESTLING
BY DEAN A. SILVERSTONE

Grappling in front of the largest Seattle crowd in the past five years, the five main events of the evening proved to be among the greatest matches ever staged in the Northwest territory.

One of the five main events on Promoter and Matchmaker Harry Elliotts card was billed for the "United States Heavyweight Title", (Western Version), held by Prince Kuhio III. Kuhio, who won the belt in the summer of 1961 by beating Nick Bockwinkle in Honolulu, was being challenged by Mad Dog Maurice Vashon.

Although Vashon is hated from the top of his head to the bottom of his shoe, he proved to be the crowd favorite as the despised Kuhio, all 400 pounds of him, drawed the boo's.

Tied up at one fall apiece, Vashon opened up a deep cut on Kuhio's forehead, but the advantage changed and Vashon found himself being heaved into a steel ringpost, opening up a vicious cut on Maurices head. The two wrestlers were banging chairs over one anothers heads outside the ring, but Kuhio attention was divided between Vashons attacks and the Referee, Pago Pago's count, at 17, Kuhio crawled through the ropes leaving Vashon outside for a 20 toll. The donny-brook that followed can not be put into words, but one of the police officers attempting to restore order summed it up, "Good Lord!"

Main event number two saw Tough Tony Borne lock horns with Frenchman Andre Drapp. These two gladiators battled to a 30 minute draw in a match that had the spectators standing all the way.

Main event number three encountered Chief Billy White Wolf, (substituting for the sick Danny Hodge), against footballer Art "Boom Boom" Mihalik. The ex-49er and Steeler was disqualified after each wrestler captured a fall. Mihalik refused to release a rope choke hold.

Main event number four brought in Leo Nomellini to tackle Mr. New York, Ivan the Russian Bear Kameroff. Nomellini was awarded the only fall of the match but this was disputed as Kameroff claimed to have his foot on the ropes. Just like the time Pat O'Connor was wrestling Billy Watson in Canada for the championship, and Watson pinned Pat, only to hear Pats cry of the New Zealander claiming his foot was outside the ring, only in this case, they didn't reverse the decision and call it a draw.

Main event number five saw Tag Team action as the duo of Jim and Jack Dalton, known as the Dalton Brothers defeated the combo of Danno McDonald and Ricky Hunter. FIFTH POLE OF THE MAT: . . . Bell Melby due into the area shortly . . . Harry Elliott, Promoter, now holding matches in his new Northwest circuit which includes Salt Lake City, Denver, Boise, Seattle and other locals . . . Ex-wrestler Buddy Knox, who may be rememberd as the Masked Marvel of Texas in 1949, is laid up in a Seattle hospital due to a serious elbow injury . . . Buddy has also wrestled in Florida, two years back, as the German Butcher. . . .

Billy Two Rivers, Mohawk Indian from Canada, who is a big favorite in the Southern U.S. Billy has a large following who go for his slam-bang action style of grappling.

TEXAS RASSLIN'
BY ALAN ESKEW

With the summer months here promoter Ed McLemore is bringing in the top grapplers to this area.

For the fans who enjoy watching big wrestlers 6 feet 9 inches and 325 pounds, Ernie Ladd is appearing in the eastern part of Texas. Ladd is a defensive tackle for the San Diego Chargers. In his first two bouts here he easily defeated Tiger Conway and masked El Medico 2.

The rough and very capable French Champion Louis Tillet is carrying on a bloody feud with Bull Curry. They were paired off in a main event at Fort Worth with Tillet getting the upper hand. The cunning and sly Duke Keomuka has returned to the area with his judo and capturing some notable wins.

Tony Borne is still stirring up trouble with his manager Leo (the Lion) Newman. Nick Kozak has returned to this area to team up with brother Jerry to form a popular tag team. Jet Monroe has returned to this area.

Sweet Daddy Siki is still the proud owner of the Texas heavyweight belt. In a recent match in Houston he defeated masked El Medico 2 and under the contract had to unmask if he lost. He is Tony Amessa of Madrid, Spain.

Killer Joe Christe has returned and demanded some main event matches. He got a main event match in Dallas against Sweet Daddy Siki but failed to win. Texas mat fans are getting their first look at Tito Carreron and Gordon Nelson. Held with high esteem in Texas is Johnny Weaver. Veteran Danny McShane is still going strong in Texas.

Making his auspicious debut is Alejandro Cruz. Cruz is from Mexico and very popular with the fans. Keep your eye on Cruz he is appearing in top matches and is going places in the mat game.

Col. Stu Gibson is currently grappling in Texas. Big Bill Dromo is ripping over most opposition that the promoters put him up against. Tough Gorilla Marcias III has shown that he knows most of the tricks of the mat game.

Wrestling is going great guns in the West Texas and Panhandle area. As this goes to press plans have been made to match a top challenger and two title claimants for the undisputed world championship.

To select a top challenger for the title 16 men were gathered for a one night tournament. Top wrestlers were brought in from all over the world to assure a top challenger. The results was most surprising with a newcomer coming out on top. The winner was Dory Funk Jr. who had only 5 matches as a pro prior to the tournament all of them victories. That night he won 4 matches and beat big Moose Cholak in the finals.

Now Dory Jr. will meet Gene Kiniski the recognized world champion of the Western States. Now the following week Lou Thesz will meet the winner of the Kiniski and Funk Jr. for the undisputed belt. By the way Dory Funk Jr. is the son of Dory Funk Sr. the North American champion. Keep your eye on Dory Jr. with a record of 9 wins and no losses and a fine teacher like his father.

Other wrestlers of the Panhandle area include Steve and Bob Stanlee a real good brother tag team combination. Bud Cody from Tombstone, Arizona. Wahoo McDanil is a favorite with the mat fans of that area. Mr. Clean is also doing well in West Texas.

Around the El Paso area The Mummy has won 8 straight matches. Bob Hamby a blond from Charlotte, North Carolina is appearing in main events. Frenchman Paul De Gaulles is doing well in the border city.

PHOENIX WRESTLING NEWS
BY BETTE LLOYD

Two fine wrestlers, Duke Miller and Tito Montez, are the new Western States tag team champions. They defended their title against Ed Sharpe and Dick Raines and won. Wild Man Shane and Percy Pringle also tried for it but lost.

Sputnik Monroe tangled with the Mad Mongol in a Mongolian Death Match be-

fore a packed house. Mongol won the bloody and savage battle.

Dick Dunn and Ken Lucas met several times; once a Lumberjack Match, once ring enclosed by chicken wire, a Death Match. Lucas won them all. In another meeting Dunn was fined $500.00 for using fists and $50.00 for hitting referee.

Sputnik Monroe won over Duke Miller in a wild match—total time 16 minutes.

The Mad Mongol lost to El Gran Lotario in a thrilling match. Mongols judo, sleeper holds and dirty tactics didn't help him. So next time they met, Mongol rubbed salt in Lotario's eyes thus winning that one. Duke Miller lost to the Mongol also.

Arizona State Title was up for grabs when holder, Mike Di Biase clashed with El Gran Lotario. With one fall each, Lotario injured his knee, so Mike still holds title. Sputnik Monroe was the victim of the Mongol's salt also.

Ann Casey and Brenda Scott downed Judy Grable and Olga Martinez much to the fans disappointment.

Sputnik Monroe and Olga Martinez lost to Ann Casey and the Mongol in a mixed tag team match. Mongol gave Olga a double judo chop to win, the third and deciding fall. Later Monroe and Mongol also had a wild bloody meeting, and the referee ruled it no contest.

Newcomer, Jerry Londan, didn't give Percy Pringle a chance to get as dirty as usual in their meeting. Londan is fast and good and kept Pringle busy, the match ended in a draw.

CINCINNATI MATLINE
BY BILLY LEE HENSLEY

Promoter Jim Barnett and Matchmaker Balk Estes again outdid themselves as they presented another all-star wrestling show at the Cincinnati Gardens, highlighted by a worlds championship match between, champion Lou Thesz and challenger Dick The Bruiser. Thesz was seconded by Joltin Joe Blanchard, and Bruiser was seconded by Big Bill Miller. It was a very rough match from start to finish, with Bruiser using his rough house tactics as he tried to gain the coveted title, but Thesz used his greater experience to gain the first fall. He caught Bruiser coming off the ropes with a flying body press in 7 min. 14 sec.

The second fall went to the Bruiser with his knee drop from the top rope in 9 min. 23 sec.

In the third and deciding fall, Bruiser had Thesz tied up in the rope and refused to break, so he was disqualified and Thesz retained his championship.

In the semi-windup of the evening The Sheik and Mark Lewin met in a very fast and exciting match which saw the Sheik emerge the winner in 8 min. 32 sec.

In the tag team match of the evening the duo of Frankie Talaber and Leon Graham scored a very popular win over Nicoli Volkoff and The Mongol.

Karl Gotch scored a easy win over Heinrich Von Brauner; Newcomer Moose Evans defeated Pierre Labelle. The hated Jap Taro Myaki defeated Local Boy Les Thatcher. The German Madman Hans Schmidt got the best of young Jonh King; Dr. Big Bill Miller demolished Chief Kit Fox.

CHICAGOLAND WRESTLING
BY KEN AMES

10,000 enthusiastic Chicagoans filled the International Amphitheatre with $28,000 being paid to see the first big show of 1963. Fred Kohler's main event saw Buddy Rogers just barely win against Bobo Brazil.

Rogers was forced to remove a souped-up helmet he wore into the ring. He claimed it was his defense against Brazil's Ko Ko Bump. Brazil was disqualified when these two met last November for using this. It had been ruled illegal upon Roger's request. It was legal in this bout, however, and Bobo used it to pin Buddy in 9:20.

After a vicious exchange, Rogers pinned Brazil in just 4:20 to even the match. The agile Rogers dropkicked big Bobo out of the ring, and ref Percy Franklin counted him out. The hard fought victory went to Rogers.

In the semi-main event, "Leaping" Larry Chene retained his U.S. title against the efforts of El Gaucho.

The Tolos brothers didn't show up for their Chicago debut against THE Bavarian Boys. Red Kelly and Gary Hart subbed and were beaten easily.

In preliminaries: Dory Dixon edged Johnny Kace vie a disqualified route. It was Dixon's first Chicago match. Buddy Austin upset Puerto Rican favorite Miguel Perez. The Golden Moose pinned a game Pete Kovac. Kurt von Stroheim was disqualified in bout with Billy Goelz.

SHORTS FROM CHICAGO

The Golden Moose claiming the World title on the basis of his win over Rickidozan while in Japan. So far he has beaten Johnny Gilbert, Pete Kovac, and Shohei Baba.

The Bavarian Boys, Rudy and Harry, first sensational German team ever to appear in Chicago. They hold victories over the Kangaroos and El Gaucho & von Stroheim.

Larry Chene and Pete Kovac are fellows taking Chicago by storm. Chene is undefeated.

The Golden Moose, Golden Terror, and Moose Cholak are one and the same.

It's Roger's and Barend versus Dizon and Brazil on the next show. Hot feud going with these four.

Buddy Rogers is undefeated in two years of wrestling in the Chicago area.

Fred Kohlers first show drew 28,000 dollars. This will steadily increase as long as Kohler is the boss.

MAT CHATTER – OMAHA
BY MIKE MASSEY

This month came in like a lion and went out like a lion on the rasslin' scene in Omaha. But that's the way it is every month as Promoter Joe Dusek presents fine wrestling.

Starting out the month was a preliminary bout featuring Bobby Managoff and Bulldog Plechas. Managoff won when referee Ernie Dusek penalized Plechas for choking . (TIME—14:10)

After taking a savage beating Guy Mitchell surprised Ivan Zukove with a backslide pin. (TIME—12.30)

Kathy Starr took all the fight out of Ann Regan with a Giant Swing and a press. (TIME—16:30)

Waldo von Erich and Sonny Myers fought it out in the 2 out of 3 fall semi-final event, which saw Von Erich take the first fall at 15:10 with a press, Sonny the second with a "Sunset Flip", at 5:05, and Waldo using a Flying Knee Drop to win the third and deciding fall at 8:35.

Pat O'Connor failed in his attempt to unmask The Rebel, but came very close to it several times. The Rebel won the first fall in 11:45, in 7:50 on a disqualification. Since it was a disqualification, The Rebel retained his mask.

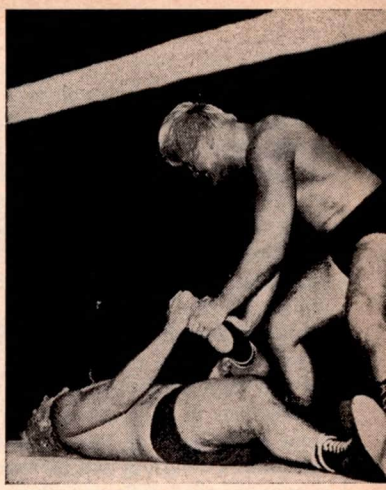
INDIANA NEWS
BY BOB UTTER

The match of the month at the North Pennsylvania street armory in Indianapolis saw World's Champion Lou Thesz and challenger Bearcat Wright grapple a "no contest" when both men were found to be unconscious. Referee John Schorn made the decision after Thesz had won the first fall and Wright the second. The champion scaled 232; Wright, 240.

Preliminary action saw the tag tandem of Big Bill Miller, 240, former Ohio State gridiron star, and the Sheik, team to beat the Mongol and Nicoli Volkoff in two of three falls while Joe Blanchard, 224, bounced Young Rudy Kay in 16 minutes. Taro Myaki, 245, Japan, downed Saul Von Brauner in 14 minutes and Mark Lewin scored over Pierre LaBelle in 8 minutes.

Thesz, six times holder of the world's championship, and Antonino (Argentina) Rocca, are perhaps the most popular matmen to ever appear at the Hoosier capitol. Dick (The Bruiser) Afflis and the Sheik are the most hated but from a drawing angle rate one-two.

RING WRESTLING



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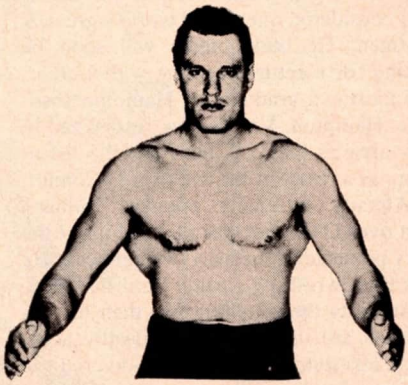

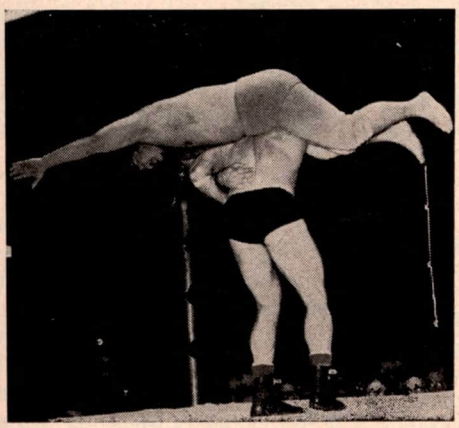

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Rocca, who has drawn close to $20 million in gates here and abroad, is recognized as champion in South America. He is also extremely popular in Europe. His battle with Primo Carnera in Caracas, Venezuela attracted 132,000 spectators who paid over $332,000.

For his part, Rocca has earned over $2 million in ring purses over the past 12 years. His annual income is over $200,000 a year. He drives a special custom-made car and has a wardrobe valued at $50,000. Rocca lives in a six-room luxury apartment in the heart of New York City and maintains a solarium and his own private gym on the roof. A flying enthusiast, Tony owns his own private plane and has logged more than 1,500 solo hours.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, WRESTLING NOTES *BY JACK REPASS*

The most sensational news in many a moon out of Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kansas, was the stunning upset victory of Luther Lindsey, young Negro matman, over Pat O'Connor, former world champion.

O'Connor started well and won the first fall with his famous leg nelson in quick time. But that was as far as he got. Lindsey gained the next two pins with vicious body slams and smothers.

O'Connor had suffered a severe case of influenza shortly before the match, which may have played a part in his poor showing. The big Irishman, despite the loss is still considered one of the world's greatest matmen. He undoubtedly will soon be asking for a return meeting with Luther.

Lindsey, a graduate of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Vir., is now recognized in this area as the U.S. heavyweight champion, as a result of his win over O'Connor.

Already extremely popular, Luther's win over O'Connor has placed him at the very pinnacle of the heavyweight heap. He has been wrestling cleanly until his opponent starts the roughing bit, then his uppercuts are unleashed with deadly accuracy. His short left jabs would do credit to any top-notch pugilist.

The breaking up of the Sir Nelson Royal and Jeeves combination also created a stir among the mat goers. The pair was one of the top box office attractions. The separation may be temporary, but for the present Jeeves will be doing some refereeing and Royal plans to rest for a while.

One of Royal's chief hobbies is participating in rattle snake hunts in the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles. He is an expert at capturing the reptiles and has many pictures to prove it.

"WESTERN CANADA WRESTLING" *BY BOB LEONARD*

Dr. Jerry Graham, matland's biggest, baddest blond, just can't seem to be decisively beaten here. Yes, he has tasted defeat, but not the galling defeat that many a mat buff wishes he would suffer.

For instance, Whipper Billy Watson managed to penetrate Graham's defenses in Regina, but with an unexpected assist from special arbiter Chief Big Heart. After Graham had rammed them both into the turnbuckle, Big Heart bodily supported Watson so as to get them both out of the fatal corner. A charging Graham slammed into Watson's booming drop-kick, administered while the Chief supported him. Result: a Watson win, but a hallow victory.

Jerry's tangles with Chief Big Heart since that match have been nothing short of murderous. Such as the night that Luke "Nature Boy" Graham charged into the ring to grind salt into the Osage warrior's eyes, and make him easy prey for brother Jerry's not-so-tender mercies.

The Grahams have been no less a threat as a tag team. The pair have battled it out with Ron Etchison and Dominic Bravo, Etchison and Watson, Watson and Johnny Kostas, Sonny Pascua and Ricky Waldo, Watson and Big Heart. Results: two losses, to the Etchison-Bravo, and Big Heart-Watson combines.

Around the arenas: The Masked Destroyer and Jim "Riot Call" Wright crushed International Tag Team champs Etchison and Bravo in Calgary. The new holders of the trophy, a hard-bitten pair if ever there was one, have defended and won against the former titlists, and also against Big Heart and Watson, and the team of Karl von Schober and Ricky Waldo.

Stan "Krusher" Kowalski has pulled an astounding about-face . . . Stan has joined the ranks of the scientific wrestlers, deserting the villains after a ten-year partnership . . . Gene Anderson and Charro Azteca are two returnees, both on the rough side . . . on televised "Big Time Wrestling" with Ernie Roth, Karl von Schober clamped onto The Destroyer's hood, threw him over the top rope . . . and still held the mask. The bare-faced masked man covered up quickly enough, so his identity remains still a secret. . . .

J. G. MORRISON REPORTS FROM BRITISH RINGS

Once in a lifetime there comes forward an athlete in a sport who looms brightly like a star in the heavens. Such men in wrestling were BERT ASSIRATI, FRANK GOTCH and Lightweight GEORGE KIDD, Scotland's own World lightweight monarch from Dundee, a champion in every sense of the word.

Kidd is one of the rare matmen who appear only once in a century or once in a lifetime, the ancient Greeks in other words would have called him MILO.

George has never tasted defeat in 13 years of wrestling when he first won his World title, which he has now defended more times than I can remember. So clever and intricate a wrestler is he, through lack of real opposition in the Lightweight division is forced to meet welters, middles up to and even heavyweights so far none have even come close enough to master him.

Recently this fine competent ring matman when journeying back home from an engagement during a raging gale which had attacked Britain for days was caught in same and his Volkswagen motor car overturned. When laid up in hospitals for months on end, people who loved him and his wrestling sent in letters asking him the questions that he himself wanted the answers to—would he ever wrestle again. Fortunately he was, and he entered the ring with one of the best welterweights in Europe on his first comeback bout. What an ovation he received, all his supporters were there and he beat his adversary before he knew what had happened, as has been the case with many of Kidd's antagonists.

George started wrestling in 1946 aged 16 years and in 1949 he won his World title, which has remained in his possession thereafter.

I greatly respect Kidd, as he like his teammate IAN CAMPBELL goes to no ends in his efforts to do good for needy and disabled no matter where they may be. Not so long ago in Dundee, his home town he presented off his ring winnings three television sets to a sanitorium.

Who are the men in his long and illustrious career that he himself considers as the toughest he has met, he named three: GUY LAROCHE, RUDY QUAREZ and KEN JOYCE of Rushden, three competent matmen.

There is much speculation as to his ring system of wrestling, George told me two years ago that his style of wrestling is called the Greek Leverage system defensive method using his opponent's strength to his advantage. He is an ardent practiser of Yoga and perhaps this explains some of the most unorthodox moves Kidd uses to his own advantage during a wrestling contest.

He is a keen admirer of ALAN KING the capable American comedian a man who George often watches on television. On the rare occasion he manages to get a night out which is very rare, due to the many engagements the Champion is called upon to fulfil he spends this time at the theatre. At the week-end he relaxes at home by playing the Spanish guitar at which he is very talented, "No rock'n'roll or twist" laughed George.

I must say in GEORGE KIDD, Britain and Scotland is and should be justly proud, for here is a man who not only respects Scotland but carries with him in the ring the reputation and tradition of his country.

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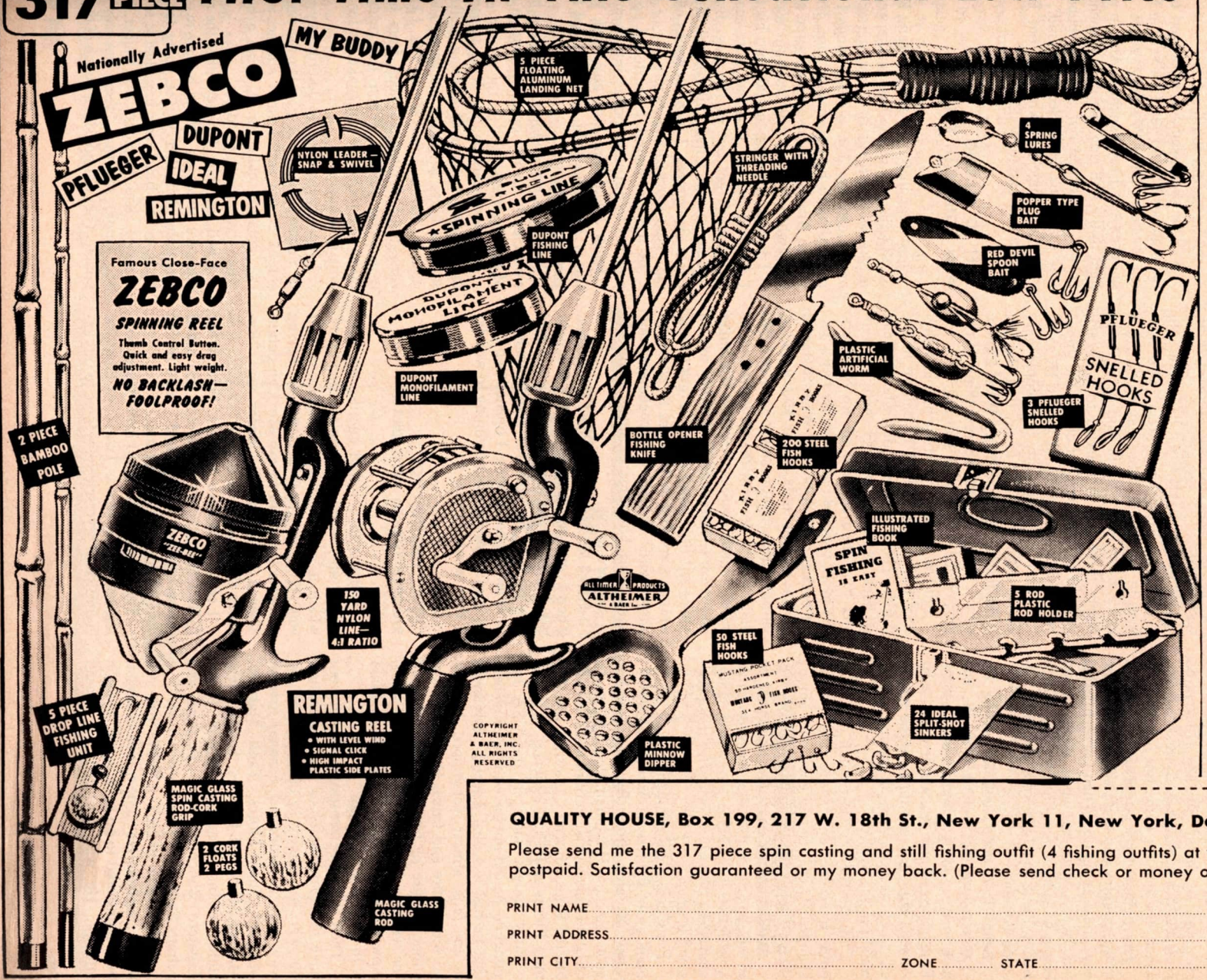

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FEATHERWEIGHT KING SUGAR RAMOS

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Cucu promoted for 11 years in Havana and he still is grateful for the way he was treated by the Cuban commission. "They were always urging me to make bigger matches," he said. "When I could do it, I gladly did it."

When Florentino Fernandez was knocked out by Rocky Kalingo at Caracas, Venezuela, Cucu made the return for Havana. It drew $56,000. Florentino knocked out Kalingo and was re-established, not just for Cuba but for the U.S.

Our fighters were important attractions in this country and there always was some new one coming up. When Gavilan faded out, Isaac Logart developed. When Logart began to slide, it was Florentino and then Benny Paret and Luis Rodriguez who became popular.

Benny had good luck in getting his chance to win the welterweight title, bad luck in that sad fight with Emile Griffith. Rodriguez, who is my stablemate under Angelo Dundee's handling, is the smartest, the fastest, the best all-around welterweight in the world.

I was in the very last batch of Cuban boys to come up before the picture changed. There are real good ones among these. There's Doug Vaillant, for one.

Another strong contender in a year or so will be Jose Stable who has grown into a welterweight. This is a powerful fellow who could turn out to be one of those nonstop punchers.

For Cucu, there are memories of all the main event fighters he brought along . . . Chico Morales, Hiram Bacallao, Jose Napoles, Enrique Hitchman, Pedro Miranda, Orlando Echevarria, Fernando Silva, Gallito del Ring, Chuchu Gutierrez, Jose Ramon Flores and Pupy Garcia.

Pupy fought some in the USA but somehow he did not have the success here that he had in Cuba. There he was loved by the fans, almost worshipped, because he was all fire and heart. He has not lost either the fire or heart. He was arrested for working in the resistance to Castro. Now he is in prison on the Isle of Pines with a 10-year sentence.

Then there are prospects who did not have the opportunity to become mature but who had ability to take them all the way, such as Antonio Carmona, Juvenal Minguez, Juan Flores, Tano Marrero, Manola Mora, Sal Fuentes, Santos Menendez, Chino Almeida, Ignacio Perez, Zapatero Rancourt, Papy Ferreiro and Johnny Sardui.

Sardui, now there's a brave one out of the ring, too. He came to live in Miami but volunteered to go back in the invasion attempt. He was captured. He wasn't wounded and returned to the States in the prisoner deal.

GARCIA HAS GONE ALL THE WAY TO PARIS

In Mexico I meet many who used to come to Cuba to fight for Cucu — Kid Anahuac, Baby Vasquez, Marinero Celis and Chucho Hernandez. They talk of Havana as if it was their home city. They enjoyed coming there . . . the marvelous climate, the wonderful restaurants, the night life, the friendliness which was everywhere.

One of the boxers Cucu had made into a star was Robinson Garcia, who now lives in Paris. The other day Cucu got a letter from him. Garcia said he is doing nicely there. He is married to a French girl and has children but one of the things he wrote caught me in the throat. He said: ". . . Paris is a warm city but people were wrong when they used to say that Havana is the nearest thing to Paris. What I know now is that Paris the nearest thing to the great place we knew as Havana."

But you cannot live in the past and anyway I'm young enough to believe in the future. There may be a day when we can go back. My loved ones are there, my wife and two children, and all my brothers.

I'm 22 years old and nobody has a better background in boxing. When I started in Havana my trainer was Kid Rapidez, an old Cuban fighter and a good one. He had a lot to do with the development of Paret, Stable, Garcia, Napoles, Hitchman and Pedro Miranda. He's with me in Mexico. And, naturally, I've got Cucu, who's promoting in Mexico, to guide me along with Angelo. Cucu changed my name from Ultiminio to Sugar. Ultiminio is too hard to say.

After I left Havana, I boxed in Panama. Then I came to Mexico City. My first fight was with Juanito Ramirez. I did not find him hard to hit and, for four rounds, I gave him a good licking. I opened two cuts on his face and I was beginning to wonder if they wouldn't stop it.

"FOUL" DECISION FOR RAMIREZ TURNED INTO DRAW

With the fifth round coming up, they turned up the red lights on the ring posts, which is a signal that the fight's over. I was congratulating myself on having scored a knockout in my Mexican debut. Then I heard the announcer say: "Ramirez the winner on a foul!"

I couldn't believe my ears. Foul! What foul? I ran over to the referee and asked for an explanation. He said: "You fouled him, I'm not saying any more."

The newspapers called it the worst boxing scandal in years. Two days later the commission reversed the referee to this extent—I wasn't a loser. It was ruled a technical draw.

Later the same year, 1961, I was boxing Rafael Camacho in Puebla. Again I punched the other fellow all over the ring, had him bleeding from the nose and from a cut over the right eye. I never had easier rounds. But after the fourth the referee stopped it, and gave it to Camacho on a foul!

It is bad enough to have things happen but you would think that, with the uproar, we could have a return match. No, they're not interested. Camacho refused to box me again. So did Ramirez.

So I've swallowed my pride and taken the matches I could get. Last year in Mexico I beat Baby Vasquez twice, and knocked out Eloy Sanchez. And in a big fight in the bull ring, before a tremendous crowd, I knocked out a young puncher, Jose Luis Cruz, in the second round.

In Los Angeles I knocked out Eddie Garcia and Danny Valdez.

SHIFT TO JABBING WON FIGHT WITH KING

Last year in Paris I fought Rafiu King, of Nigeria, one of the best featherweights in the world. King is a fast starter and moves cleverly. For a few rounds I was puzzled as to how to handle him. Then I said to Angelo: "I have him figured out—a straight left hand will find him. Watch."

I began snapping the jab into his face. I doubled the jab, I tripled. Sure enough, he couldn't get out of the way. By the middle rounds I had full control. Now I could experiment. I went to hooks off the jab. That worked beautifully.

In the last round I shortened up my punches to put extra power into them and I know I had him hurt and tired. Were this a 15-round fight, it would not have gone the distance.

Voting is not announced in Paris but I won clearly in my opinion—and in that of the reporters.

My slow start against King is part of my general pattern of fighting. I like to study a man, to gauge his speed and to note his habits. I find it's no risk. I know enough of defense to keep from being nailed too solidly. When I'm ready to make my moves, I can make up for lost time in a hurry.

I have been asked to describe my style of fighting. I do not go into the ring to slug, I do not run. I am a puncher when the situation calls for it, I am a boxer when that's the thing to do.

I will say this: I believe that the most effective punching always is done in combinations. Whether you're going for the body or the head, you best deal is to fire a series. Kid Rapidez, my trainer, long ago taught me that "they can slip one punch. They cannot slip a bunch of them."

I have proof that my way of fighting brings results, both in my winning record and in my popularity. There always are requests for me to come back, whether it is Caracas, Paris, Los Angeles or Panama.

My heart belongs to the country where I was born and to the unforgettable excitement I experienced when I first boxed main events in the Sports Palace in Havana. This was what you Americans call 'big time'—but with something extra, the color and the drama which our Latin temperament gives to a spectacle. We had exciting fighters and the crowds to match.

WORLD RATINGS

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There was a shake-up in the lower half of the welterweight division as undefeated Dick Turner of Philadelphia won over Isaac Logart of New York City. Dick went up from tenth to eighth, and Logart dropped from the elite.

Gaspar Ortega of Mexico, held to a draw by Alvaro Gutierrez, the Mexican champion, fell from eighth to tenth. Joe Stable of New York, winner over Curtis Cokes of Dallas, Texas, previously rated in the junior welter division, gained ninth post in the welter class. Cokes dropped from fifth to seventh, trading with Federico Thompson of Argentina.

The Ring does not recognize Roberto Cruz as Junior Welterweight champion. His victory over Battling Torres in Los Angeles was nothing more than an elimination, and not a title bout. Eddie Perkins and Kenny Lane are entitled to consideration, Cruz must defeat one of them to clinch his right as Duilio Loi's successor to the vacant throne. Neither Cruz nor Torres was qualified for a title bout.

The lone change in the junior welter sector finds Jose Napoles of Cuba up from ninth to eighth following his win over Baby Vasquez, Aissa Hashas of France traded places with Napoles.

The loss in his title fight with Carlos Ortiz, dropped Doug Vaillant of Cuba from third to fourth in the lightweight class, with Dave Charnley now in the third slot.

Paul Armstead of Los Angeles advanced ahead of Joe Brown, Paul up to sixth and Joe down to seventh. Teruo Kosaka of Japan who kayoed Masaki Fujita of Japan traded with inactive Arthur Persley of Red Crosse, La., Teruo up to eighth and Arthur down to ninth.

The loss suffered by Auburn Copeland of Flint, Mich. to top bantamweight contender Ismael Laguna and the long inactivity of Ray Nobile of Italy has caused a shake-up in the junior lightweight division. Love Allotey of Ghana is the new number one man, followed by Johnny Bizzarro of Erie, Pa., Copeland and Nobile.

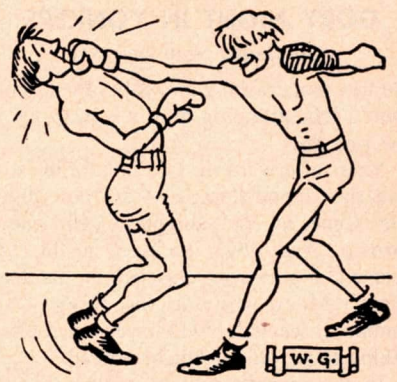
The featherweight class also got the same treatment with Howard Winstone of Wales as the top contender followed by Mitsunori Seki of Japan. Rafiu King of Nigeria, Kazuo Takayama of Japan and Don Johnson of Los Angeles are next in line. Floyd Robertson of Ghana has re-Argentina also a returnee, listed tenth. Natalio Jiminez of the Dominican Republic who upset Ramon Arias joines the rankings in ninth place, with Kyo Noguchi of Japan eliminated to make way for Jiminez.

Former world flyweight champion Fighting Harada of Japan has joined the bantam listings and has been placed in fourth position, with Katsutoshi Aoki of Japan, kayo loser to Eder Jofre in a title match, down from fourth to sixth.

In other changes, Pierre Cossemyns of Belgium has been dropped from sixth to eighth following a kayo loss to featherweight Antonie Martin of France and Johnny Caldwell of Ireland has been eliminated to make room for Harada.

With Harada in the bantamweight sector, European Champion Salvatore Burruni of Italy is now the number one contender in the flyweight class followed by Barnardo Caraballao of Columbia, Hiroyuki Ebihara of Japan, Ramon Arias of Venezuela, Pascual Perez of Argentina completing the top five.

Along with Harada, Seisaku Saito of Japan has been dropped following his defeat by Chatchai Laemfapha of Thailand who has been returned to the top ten and is rated eighth with Ernesto Miranda of Argentina also a returnee, listed tenth. Natalio Jiminez of the Dominican Republic who upset Ramon Arias joins the rankings in ninth place, with Kyo Noguchi of Japan eliminated to make way for Jiminez.



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GORY NIGHT IN YONKERS

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He was sent crashing into ropes by a right, then a left, dropping him in a heap upon the ring floor.

Years afterward the late Jack Miley still had the "blood-stained notes," describing the scene as "a slaughter." Up came Grosso. And down he went again. "It seemed a grin was chiseled in his features," Miley wrote in the News. "No human, it seemed, could have smiled after taking those blows, but he smiled."

In the seventh round, smiling Grosso was knocked down again. He struggled erect, only to be smashed down once more.

FANS DEMAND STOPPAGE: RING NUT WAVES GUN

By now, spectators demanded the fight be stopped. A man leaped into the ring, waving a gun, shouting at the handlers. He was removed pronto and placed under arrest.

Toward the end of the seventh round, Grosso, tired of getting knocked down and getting up, threw wild punches which threatened Herman. Jack warded off Grosso's desperate assault and shook loose one more mighty blow. It crashed against Grosso's face. He fell. George Engle tolled the ten. Referee Eddie Purdy signalled the end.

"Cut and bleeding profusely from the mouth, his face disfigured from the countless number of wicked blows that monotonously pounded on his countenance from the fourth to the finish, his body reddened from an attack directed at his midsection, the gallant loser lay prostrate at the feet of his conqueror, who, a few rounds previous had seemed helpless to defend himself." So wrote Spring.

The opening sentence of his story the next day was "Darwin was right." And he spoke of "two tiger men in there for primitive battle." But that night, after the fight, draped sore and weary on their dressing room tables, the two fighters seemed only too human.

The sick winner, Herman, said: "This was *some* fight, and if I'd lost, it wouldn't have been my fault. I did my best."

Grosso hung his head before the reporters. "The last time my legs caved in and I knew it was over," he said. He raised his head and a smile broke through his bloody face. "Better luck next time."

He had no such luck. In life, Herman's blows riddled him. In death, bullets ended him. Grosso drifted out of the ring, into the streets. He had little, no money, few real friends. One old-timer remembers him as "a good, decent guy." Another remembers him as "a bully."

He was shot and died on the streets. A man was arrested and there was an ugly trial. There was talk of gamblers, crooks, drunks, hoods. But, there was no conviction. No man was penalized for killing Johnny Grosso.

Herman, after early success in the ring, declined, and eventually drifted out of boxing. Perhaps the Grosso fight took too much out of him, perhaps the other fights.

He was sick in his last years, dissipated physically. He died penniless in 1941, his funeral paid for by contributions. He was not friendless. He left a mark on those who knew him. One such, John Flynn, now Yonkers Mayor, recalled one of the isolated memory fragments that are all that is left of a man when he dies:

"One Armistice Day, I was marching in a parade. And someone called out to me that my son had been in automobile accident. I went to him and he was in awful shape. His face was all cut and beat in and smashed. In a hospital, he was. It was terrible.

"Jack Herman came to me and told me that he had seen them carry the boy off the street. It bothered him, he said, and he kept thinking about it, and when he got home, he said, he picked up a paper and saw it was my boy. He said then he had come to me. He came and he walked into the hospital room where the boy was and he saw him and he started to cry.

"It was such a funny thing," Flynn recalled solemnly, "to see him cry. To see the tears run down the face of this big man, who had given and taken such beatings in the ring, and should have been used to such things. I can't ever forget it. It was such a funny thing to see him cry."

REVIVE TOWEL TOSSING

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This denotes the indomitable spirit so dear to American crowds. But the evidence is becoming clear that in the end this attitude is not of the greatest benefit to either boxing or the boxers.

The custom of tossing in the towel could well be revived, thereby relieving a stricken fighter from making any personal admission of defeat. Long the traditional stoppage of a losing cause, this action was abandoned some thirty years ago in this country because of suspected skullduggery. Suspicions became rife during the Twenties that solicitude for gambling bets, rather than for the boxer, sometimes prompted this bout-halting action.

Since these fears—nebulous at best—no longer exist, the towel tossing routine, essentially a humane one as a means of reducing the hazards of the sport, should be allowed once again.

Little can be done about the clamorous who greet the appearance of the commission doctors in the ring with braying disapproval other than to ignore them.

Fight people are rarely guilty of such callousness and veteran Charley Rose speaks for them in discussing this type of fan.

"Nothing makes me madder than the guy who for his couple of bucks, wants to see another World War in the ring," said the still active boxing man. "I'll never forget one night at the old St. Nick. A couple of kids were trying the best they could but a loud mouthed guy kept yelling "When does the Fight start? When does the Fight start?"

"The guy kept this up so long he had everybody in the joint crazy. Finally some guy on the other side yelled back, "The fight starts when you get home, ya bum!"

FROM OUR READERS

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wants to watch a boxing match with all of those poles in the way.

Robert Carroll
Charleroi, Pa.

OH YOU GIRLS!

Dear Sir,

I don't expect you have many women readers but my husband has taken "Ring" for a number of years and I enjoy it very much, never miss a page.

One thing puzzles me, though. Why is in that the Wrestling Section gives much publicity to the girls, but the Boxing Section seems to have put a ban on girl boxers? It seems that the magazine is made of two entirely different parts.

I think this a pity. Some years ago I served in the Women Police in the South and it was often my job to break up vicious fights between teenage girls (and older women, too). After one dance-hall brawl I took the two girls back to the station to cool off. Next morning we had them put on police bloomers and vests and took them into the gym, where they put the gloves on and boxed three rounds. They were crude of course but they got some of the bitterness out of their systems and we had no more trouble from that pair, believe it or not.

The instinct to fight when raised, is in all of us, men and women. So if two girls, trained and fit, box each other in an organized bout, with a referee, why look down upon it as a stunt? Better that than some of the back-alley clawing matches I have seen. I assure you.

Helen Rodriguez
Tanganyika, E. A.

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NAT FLEISCHER SPEAKS OUT (Continued from page 5)

recommendation to use heavier gloves, which may provide less punching power but can be more damaging.

As for the committee's recommendation that headguards be used, I thoroughly disagree with that. The headguard has been used in college contests and has been found of little avail in curtailing injuries.

It will be recalled that some months ago Charles Mohr died in an inter-collegiate meet in Wisconsin as the result of which boxing was abolished in most colleges and the inter-collegiate championships were abandoned. Prior to that, a number of college boxers received severe head injuries despite the fact that they wore headguards.

The impact of the glove against the headguard brings about the effects of a double blow to the forehead.

The recommendation that the mandatory three knockdown and eight count rules in effect for non-title tests be adopted for all fights, meets approval. It should help curtail injuries.

I am in accord with the recommendation that if a boxer is floored within seconds of the termination of a round the referee should continue to count even after the bell has rung, in which case the fighter may be counted out. Too frequently a boxer has been dragged to his corner after the bell has saved him from a knockout and through the use of restoratives has recovered sufficiently to answer the bell for the succeeding round. Then he has been pummelled into a state of unconsciousness. This can be prevented through the new regulations.

Such addition to the present rules is virtually no different than having a keen-eyed, quick-witted referee halt a contest when he finds a contestant on rubbery legs unable to defend himself.

Whether the two minute rounds for some preliminary fighters will lessen the risk of injury is something that has to be studied. In the recent amateur championship matches headguards were used, yet there were more boys floored and more knockouts than has been the case in contests in which no such protective measure was in force.

The New York State joint Legislative Committee on Boxing is to be complimented on its excellent report. It served well and did a lot of hard work.

I heartily approve of its recommendation for the enactment of a Federal Law to supervise boxing through a National Commissioner. This I stressed when I appeared before the Kefauver Commission on racketeering and before the Albany Joint Legislative Committee.

It is a MUST if we are to keep boxing alive in our country. The recommendations for uniformity of rules, gloves and licenses of all who have any share in the promotion of a boxing match, is another excellent suggestion. This can be obtained only through Federal control.

CANADA BUILDING UP

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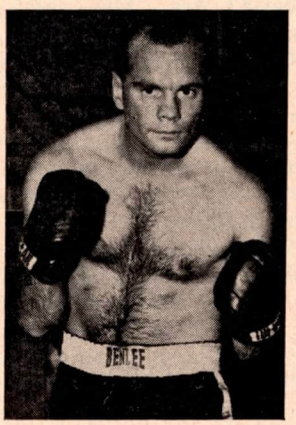
Tyrone Gardiner is the holder of the Canadian Maritime lightweight title and is one of the top 135 pounders in the Dominion. This twenty four year old battler turned pro when he was fifteen and has a record of twenty-four wins, and three draws in thirty seven bouts.

Ty has lost only twice in his last sixteen bouts, both defeats suffered from the fists of Les Sprague. Tyrone recently kayoed Fernand Simard in an elimination for the Canadian title and is ready to challenge Dave Hilton.

Over half of Gardiner's triumphs have come via kayos with Bobby Speight, Lee Steele, Jimmy Calhoun, Bob McNeil, Elroy Sparks, and Willie Weatherspoon among the losers. He also has scored over Leroy Jones, Rollie Thibault, Rejean Robert and George Munroe. Tyrone has done most of his fighting in his native Sydney but he has a large following throughout the Maritime Provinces.

Simard, who is twenty-four, started out with an impressive amateur slate of two dozen straight successes and won the



FERNAND SIMARD WELTER-WEIGHT

open class service championship in 1957 while on a four-year hitch in the Canadian navy.

Following his return from service he launched his pro career in 1958 and went through his first thirteen fights before suffering his first loss. He was stopped by Marcel Bizien, whom he had defeated.

Fernand has an over-all record of twenty wins, five losses and one draw in twenty six fights. He lists victories over Rejean Robert, Arnie Sparks, Jerry Leroux, Maurice Houde, Eddie Smith, Fernand Dupluis, Bruce Watkins, Jack Clements, and Claude Robert.

Simard is one of eight children, five brothers. Two of his five brothers, Andre, and Jean Guy, are amateur boxers.

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Hugh Benbow, manager of Cleveland Williams, sixth ranking heavyweight title contender.

MAURO MINA, PERUVIAN JAGUAR

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voluble demonstration of home town hero worship the tired old arena has seen in years.

Most of these partisans had the orange flag of their homeland and waved it at the drop of a "Viva Mina." A couple of exuberant young men, wearing orange and while blazers with "Peru" emblazoned across the shoulders, took turns standing on ring-side chairs and leading the faithful in cheers. The cheers might have been varied but they all were a variation on a single theme:

"Viva Mina—and Peru-Peru." The latter chant was split into two long syllables —coming out something like this "Pairrrrr-Roo Pairrrr-Roo!" A not too bright observer would have gotten the idea, we feel, that these incantations, which made up in quantity, what they lacked in originality or quality, were intended to inspire M.Mina.

From what he showed in the opening two heats it would seem they failed their purpose. For these two rounds it looked like Mina was another over-touted toreador. He had, as Mushky Jackson would observe—a "nice built"—but he wasn't doing anything with it. The lugubrious Mr. Hank, as per schedule, came out at the first bell and fired right away at the South American. He did all the leading and most of the landing in the first two rounds.

The mob cheered sporadically and dutifully and there was considerable flag waving at the intermissions—but you could sense they were disappointed at their tiger's showing.

Mauro was fighting, not like a tiger—but like a "Mina Mouse," to coin a phrase. In the third round Mina, who had been standing off jabbing ineffectively, moved in for the first time and clubbed Henry with two good rights to the head. Hank was not in the least bit hurt but at least he knew this guy was not an automation. He could hit if he got in close. This was Mina's first round.

PERU HOT SHOT STARTS LOOKING LIKE 12 TO 5

Hank had the better of a spirited fourth round, meeting Mauro, toe to toe, and outslugging him in hot exchanges. It was apparent, from here in that Mina had altered his plan of battle. He tossed away the Fancy Dan technique and met Hank at his own game—bombs at ten paces.

This woke up the dyed-in-the-wool fight fans whose interest had been dwarfed by the Peruvian contingent, most of whom had flown here for their home-town hero's American debut.

Though there was probably little wagering on the brawl Mina had reputedly entered the ring a 12 to 5 choice—and now he was beginning to fight like one. From the fifth through the finish Mina took charge of the battle.

Hank, a ring-wise cutie, is noted for his 'possum' playing. He often hangs on, in apparent desperation, in a clinch. The uninitiated opponent dropping his guard coming out of one of these embraces—is decapitated by the sudden fury of Hank's counter-attack.

Mauro took the offense and Hook took to his bicycle through the last five rounds. Mina connected with some solid rights to the chin and jaw and slowed him up considerably, but never decked him.

Hank tired from the seventh round on. He fought in flurries which let Mina know he was not in there for just a pay-night. At this point reporters joined in an observation on Mina's superb condition.

Though just wrestling with anyone as rugged as Hank for half an hour would knock the average guy out—Mina was not even breathing heavily. He is a non-smoker and non-drinker.

MAURO THROWS PLENTY IN FINAL ROUND

Just before the bell for the tenth—and final—round, a distinguished looking gentleman from the Peruvian delegation right behind us—and one of its more placid representatives—rushed to the ringside and shouted something to Mina in Spanish. He gestured with his right hand and rattled along for fully a minute.

We sought the aid of Ted Carroll, eminent cartoonist and Sanivel Taub, the fight scribe who is alleged to have made the matches on Noah's Ark. "Mina surely knows the guy and paid attention to him," was the best Carroll could do.

"How the heck do I know what he said?" replied Taub. "I don't understand their lingo."

No interpreter was needed, however. It was obvious the ringside Svengali had yelled to Mina to throw his right hand more. Mauro threw more than his right. He tore across the ring and, for the final three minutes of the fray, kept right on top of Hank. Henry made little attempt to fight back.

He knew he had spent himself in the early rounds. While he managed to connect with a couple of straight right hands to the mouth in the final minute Hank was in retreat most of the way.

Mauro Mina won—as they say at the track—going away. He finished to a chorus of hysterical cheering and folk singing that all but drowned out Announcer Johnny Addie's rendition of the official verdict.

The decision, however, was not unanimous. Referee Arthur Mercante gave it to Mina 6 rounds to 3 with 1 even while Judge Recht saw it 5-3-and 2 even for the South American. Judge Artie Aidala, on the contrary, thought Hank's fast start had won him the nod—and voted 6 to 4 for the Detroiter.

From Senor Boris Sojit, Peruvian news broadcaster and unofficial press attache of Mina, we pieced together a bit of this good-looking prospect's background. Boris told us Mauro has been actually fighting since he was six years old!

On the face of it this is no cause for concern. We were fighting our neighbor's kids since we were five! The difference, in Mina's case, was he was fighting under supervision—and was getting paid off-yet —in lead pencils!

MINA MADE GREAT RECORD AS AMATEUR

Fortunately for Mauro, Peru has no equivalent of our A.A.U. or he would have long since been suspended. His physical training instructor, in grade school, had no interest in soccer, something of a national sport in Peru—and substituted boxing instruction.

Mauro continued to box as an amateur throughout his high school days and won several simon-pure tournaments—something akin to our American Golden Gloves competition.

"I saw him in the amateurs," said Dr. Terran, "and approached him about making a career of boxing after Mauro had won the Pan-American middleweight title in 1952."

Mina's ring career was interrupted, the next two years, however, while he served a two-year hitch in the Peruvian army. He was a tank chauffeur during this period, without mishap, but sometime later had a narrow escape in an automobile accident.

Under Terran's guidance, Mauro marched steadily up the professional ring ladder, turning professional in 1955. "In the beginning I would say his main fault was on the infighting," explained the Doctor. "He was clumsy when a fellow tied him up. He did not seem to know how to punch inside—or shake the other fellow off.

"His trainer, Joe De Leon, who worked for 25 years as a fight instructor in military schools in South America, has been with him for the past five years and Mina has profited a good deal from his instruction."

Mina, who undoubtedly will meet Harold Johnson for the world's light-heavyweight title sometime in the coming year, has won his last 33 fights. His most recent defeat was suffered in 1958 when he dropped a decision to the then South American 175-pound king — Dogomar Martinez.

Terran said: "Mauro was young and very green then. Not ready for a seasoned fighter like Martinez. When Martinez retired, a couple of years ago, the South

American Boxing Board made Mauro the champion."

TWO VICTORIES OVER SPOILER COTTON IMPRESS

Most of the boys Mauro has knocked over, of course, were in his own backyard yet he was rated No. 2 in the Ring ratings until recently. On Oct. 17 Mauro vaulted into the No. 1 spot in Ring poll by winning a decision over the then top-ranked Eddie Cotton of Seattle.

Cotton, like Hank, is a spoiler and they know, around the country, that Eddie is never to be taken lightly. A better than average boxer, Cotton, was met again, at his own game, by the adaptable Mr. Mina —when Cotton decided to try and outslug Mauro in the closing rounds of their battle at the Soccer Stadium in Lima.

"In the second round," said M.Bojit, "Cotton switched from a boxing routine and slugged Mina a couple of real hard rights to the head. Mina was shaken up pretty badly and it looked, from the ease with which Cotton was hitting him, that Mauro was going to be taken.

"Just as he was against Hank, Mina was fighting at long range, stabbing with his left hand. From the third round on the boys fought identically—meeting head on and disregarding all the scientific stuff. Mauro outpunched Cotton the rest of the way and won a hard-earned decision."

This latest wonder-boy of Peru is the national idol of all of South America. Because he is modest, quiet, and co-operative with the press and TV men, his fame is broadcast all over the continent.

In an unheard of demonstration for a country, allegedly devoted to soccer, some 45,000 to 50,000 fans turned out for the Cotton fight. "There were 4,000 or 5,000 fans waiting on line at midnight the night *before* the fight," said Terran. "There were many housewives there with babies in arms. Mauro is a big favorite with the ladies—and there were bonfires all around the stadium—to keep off the chill night breeze—as Mina's fans waited to buy choice seats for the 'big' fight.

"Surely there has been nothing like it since the days of Firpo" said M.Sojit. "I was only a young man when Firpo came here to fight the great Jack Dempsey and well remember how, all over Buenos Aires, there were crowds in the streets wherever there was one of those little *crystal* radios. They got news bulletins every half hour or so and it was like a national holiday as they awaited the outcome of the big bout with Dempsey."

"It is the same, now, with Mina. There has not been less than 10,000 on hand for any of his fights. I know down there tonight every radio set is tuned to the broadcast and they are all praying for Mina."

He fights like a pro—and is definitely no "turkey."

It would be premature, to become too rhapsodic about Mina off this one performance against Hank.

But mark this down for future reference: Don't be *too surprised* if Mina whips Johnson.

NIGERIA AIMS HIGH

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There still were some important details to be discussed. Back in Lagos, Mr. Johnson arranged a meeting the following morning with his visitors and Government officials.

Some objections had been voiced in Parliament to the financial gamble involved in staging the Tiger-Fullmer bout in Nigeria. With the nation beginning its ambitious economic development program, one objectionist protested it was a waste of money to promote a fight. "It should be staged overseas," he said, "and Tiger should get as much as he can; then he could bring the money back to Nigeria."

Despite the protests, Mr. Johnson and his colleagues were determined to go ahead with their plans for the bout. It was agreed to entrust to Solomons the entire production—main event, transportation for the rival entourages, preliminary card, seating arrangements at the stadium, printing and distribution of tickets and the many other details in a promotion of this sort.

How much would it cost?

Solomons had the figures available. With prices scaled from $25 for ringside down to $1.50 for general admission, he would have to take in at least one hundred thousand pounds ($280,000) to cover all expenses and leave a reasonable payday for himself and a few members of his experienced staff, which he would bring down from London.

That figure was somewhat above what Mr. Johnson and his colleagues had expected. They began to calculate their possible losses.

"Hadn't it occurred to you gentlemen that the show could be a winner, not a loser?" Solomons asked. "Instead of figuring how much you may lose, why not give some thought to how much you could win. Everything above the figure I've given would be clear profit for you. After all, if Nigeria is so excited over its first world championship bout, with its own Dick Tiger as one of the principals, why shouldn't the show be a success?"

The next item on the agenda was the date. That was a ticklish problem. The fight couldn't be held before June, and that was the beginning of the rainy season, which extended through July and August.

It was decided to gamble with the weather. The bout would be held in "either June or July", the exact date to be announced later.

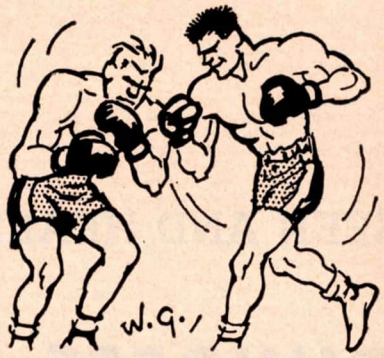
Mr. Johnson was to draw up the contracts and mail them to Solomons in London. Once the papers were duly signed, sealed and delivered, Jack would begin operations.

That was on March 30. That night the visiting delegation left for London and New York.

When nothing was heard from Nigeria during the following week, Solomons contacted Mr. Johnson, who said the papers were on the way. A few days later, when the contracts weren't received, Solomons got in touch with Nigeria again, and was told that, instead of mailing them, Mr. Johnson was bringing them with him to London, where he was to deputize for the Nigerian Governor-General, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, at Princess Alexandria's wedding.

Mr. Johnson reached London on April 18. The next morning he and Solomons got together and officially closed the deal. The bout would be held in Ibadan the "first or second week in July."

And, so, Nigeria, a prolific developer of outstanding ring talent in recent years, is to stage its first world championship bout, with its own Dick Tiger as defending title-holder.



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DUNDEES MISS "CYCLE OF THREE"

A REMARKABLE chapter in boxing history was left unwritten when Doug Vaillant was rendered null and void by Carlos Ortiz in their lightweight title fracas in Puerto Rico.

Had Vaillant won, the industrious Dundee brothers of Miami Beach, Chris and Angelo, would have earned the unique distinction of managing, or co-managing, three world champions at the same time—and all Cuban refugees, crowned within a brief span of two weeks!

Before the Puerto Rican incident, welterweight Luis Rodriguez and featherweight Sugar Ramos had annexed their laurels in that tragedy-marred clouting carnival in Los Angeles.

Ring records list several managers whose careers have been featured by three or more champions, but their reigns were not simultaneous. That is, of course, if we except large Eddie Mead, whose Henry Armstrong was three champions at the same time! Homicide Hank's amazing feat in acquiring the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight titles was accomplished in less than ten months—from October 29, 1937, to August 17, 1938.

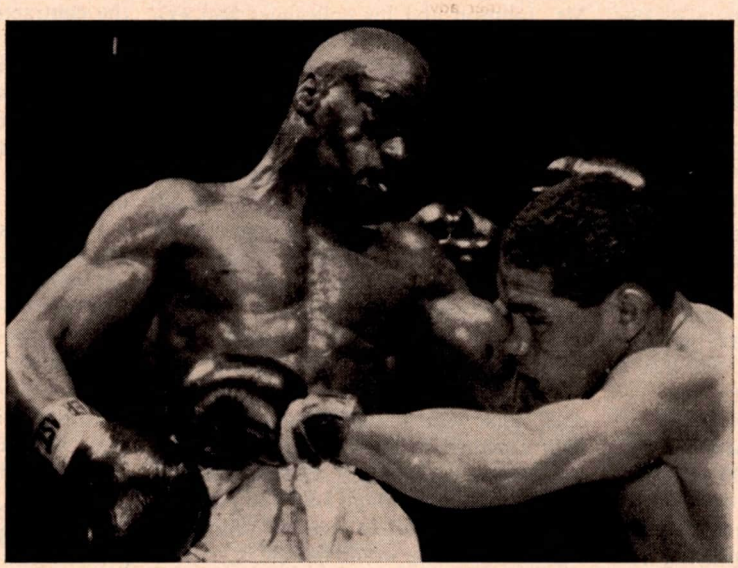
Tom Jones was the first manager to complete the "cycle of three" when, first, middleweight Billy Papke, then lightweight Ad Wolgast and, finally, heavyweight Jess Willard scaled the championship heights.

So far as the combination of quality and quantity of champions is concerned, Jack Kearns has been the most successful of all managers. Ol' Doc has had heavyweight Jack Dempsey, welterweight and middleweight Mickey Walker and light-heavyweights Joey Maxim and Archie Moore.

Kearns' closest competitors have been Al Weill and Hymie Caplin.

Weill piloted four charges to world titles — featherweight Joey Archibald, lightweight Lew Ambers, welterweight Marty Servo and heavyweight Rocky Marciano.

Caplin (an uncle of our current Internal Revenue boss, Mortimer Caplin) matched Kearns and outdid Weill in numbers, but rated behind both in calibre and prestige. Hymie had five assorted title-holders—bantamweight Lou Salica, lightweights Al Singer and Lew Jenkins, and middleweights Ben Jeby and Solly Krieger.



Rugged action during middleweight battle between Rubin Carter (left) and Jose Gonzalez in Madison Square Garden. Bleeding profusely from gashes over both eyes, Carter was forced to concede defeat at close of sixth round.

OTHER "REPEATERS"

Several pilots have handled two or more champions during their careers.

Bill Brady was an early "repeater." He managed heavyweights Jim Corbett and Jim Jeffries.

Dan Morgan operated with a trio of champions—light-heavyweight Battling Levinsky, middleweight Al McCoy and welterweight Jack Britton.

Billy Gibson was *charge d'affaires* for lightweight Benny Leonard and heavyweight Gene Tunney.

Sam Goldman, whose first champion was bantamweight Pete Herman, came up with a second one in ubiquitous Tony Canzoneri, who, at various times, held the featherweight, lightweight (twice) and junior welterweight laurels.

Max Waxman had the two Dundee brothers, welterweight Joe and middleweight Vince, as well as bantamweight and featherweight Harry Jeffra.

Before he assumed charge of Henry Armstrong's interests, Eddie Mead handled a champion in bantamweight Joe Lynch.

Lou Viscusi did well with two title-holders, featherweight Willie Pep and lightweight Joe Brown.

Sam Pian and Art Winch, partners, had lightweight and welterweight Barney Ross and middleweight Tony Zale.

Johnny Buckley manipulated the managerial reins for heavyweight Jack Sharkey and middleweight Paul Pender.

Charley Johnson had two champions in light-heavyweight Archie Moore and featherweight Sandy Saddler.

Willie Ketchum was responsible for lightweight Jimmy Carter and ill-fated featherweight Davey Moore.

Chris Dundee is not entirely a stranger to champions. During the late 30's he handled two claimants to the then disputed middleweight title—Ken Overlin and Georgie Abrams.

AROUND THE RING

That's an amazing record Jack (King) Solomons of London has been compiling for himself in international boxing promo-

tions. Not only has Jack operated throughout the British Isles—in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland—but he handled the first professional fight card ever staged in Israel, and has promoted or co-promoted in South Africa, Australia, Canada, Brazil and Austria. If the proposed third episode in the Dick Tiger-Gene Fullmer middleweight title series is staged in Nigeria, Jolly Jack will be in charge there. The guy certainly does get around.

That was an odd touch to the career of Welsh heavyweight Dick Richardson, who has just announced his retirement from the ring. In his professional debut in 1954, Richardson was outpointed by Jim Cooper in London. In his finale, also in London, nearly nine years later, he was knocked out by Jim's twin brother, Henry!

That was quite a flub the Boston office of the generally reliable Associated Press was guilty of in its pre-battle release on the recent Joe DeNucci-Joey Giambra bout in the Hub. It said that Giambra had twice beaten world middleweight champion Dick Tiger. To set the records straight, Tiger and Giambra have never tangled. The A.P. correspondent probably confused Dick Tiger with Tiger Jones.

It is seldom that modest little Charley Goldman displays undue enthusiasm for any fighter he may be training, but Charley is beginning to get somewhat excited over a current charge who, believe it or not, is a Jewish heavyweight! The young man is Arnie (Aaron) Brower, a 21-year-old native of Hartford, Conn., now living in Brockton, Mass., and managed by Murray Fisher and Rocky Marciano's uncle, Mike Pisano. "What I like about Brower," says Charley, "is that, like Marciano, he is determined and obedient. He tries everything he is told. His managers are in no hurry with him. They know what a good Jewish heavyweight can mean to boxing now, and they are satisfied to take him along slowly, giving him every opportunity to learn his trade properly." Brower's record to date shows eleven straight wins, seven by knockouts.

Because of general ring inactivity throughout the state in recent years, we hear that the Governor of Rhode Island is planning to cut down the expenses of his boxing commission and may save $10,000 in annual salaries by dispensing with the services of those Tony twins, Maceroni and Petronella.

NEW YORK'S RESULTS OF THE MONTH:

The rapid progress of Teddy Pagan, 161, Puerto Rico, hit a snag at Sunnyside Garden when the 22-year-old islander was outpointed by Harold Richardson, 159, Harlem, in a fast-moving eight.

The bout proved one point—that comparative records are not always reliable barometers in advance calculations. Pagan was favorite on a basis of seven straight wins and an overall won-lost score of 10-2, while Richardson, two years older, sported a not-too-impressive 10-6 tally. It so happened, however, that the Harlemite had tangled with a much better brand of opposition than Pagan had faced. Among his performances, Richardson had held stylish Wilbert McClure to a close decision in a Madison Square Garden semi-final.

Pagan fought with his usual busy aggressiveness, but had difficulty finding the answers to Richardson's shifty boxing and snappy punching. It was a rugged affair all the way, but neither boy seemed in trouble at any time.

Two scheduled sixes were abbreviated by Puerto Ricans, Frankie Olivera, 156¼, polishing off Andy Brooks, 154, Paterson, N.J., at 2:33 of one round, and Abelardo Nunez, 148½, finishing Larnzer Quarles, 148½, Jamaica, L.I., at 1:46 of the third.

One of the fours also was shortened when Bobby Cassidy, 157¾, Hempstead, L.I., halted Bobby Novle, 158, Bronx, at 0:38 of one round. Two other fours went their full routes, Wally Henderson, 157¼, Jersey City, outpointing Jesse Woodis, 161, Harlem, and Sid Marcus, 146¾, Puerto Rico, drawing with Danny Andrews, 147, West Side.

Attendance 1,287; gross receipts $2,345.93.

Penalized one round, the fourth, for a couple of unintentional low punches cost Wayne Thornton, 175¾, Bakersfield, Cal., a second decision over Willie Pastrano, 175¾, Miami Beach, in their return TV ten in Madison Square Garden. Thornton had beaten Pastrano in their first meeting in the Garden five weeks before. This time the majority verdict was a draw. Referee Arthur Mercante favored Thornton by a round score of 5-4-1, but he was outvoted by both judges, Bill Recht and Leo (Bobby Dawson) Birnbaum, who came with identical counts of 5-5 in rounds and the same in points.

Although Pastrano displayed improved form in this encore, and made the issue a close one, Thornton seemed to have won again. The Californian set a busy pace from the start, forced the action most of the way, and scored well with both hands to the head and body. Pastrano boxed mainly on the defensive, with occasional bursts of effective aggressiveness and did his best work in the closing rounds when Thornton tired somewhat from the industrious pace he had set.

An unpopular decision marred one of the sixes. Knocked down in the opening round, Tony LaBarbara, 126½, Buffalo, staged a strong comeback and apparently was the winner over Angelo Soto, 128, Puerto Rico, but the verdict went to Soto. In two other sixes, Johnny Persol, 170, Brooklyn, whipped Herschel Jacobs, 175, White Plains, and C. L. Lewis, 143½, Washington, D.C., decisioned Eddie Armstrong, 148, Elizabeth, N.J. In fours, Jimmy Cherrico, 166, Brooklyn, drew with a borough rival, Johnny Lupo, 168, and Nat Thompson, 158, Jamaica, L.I., stopped Ray Lacon, 160¼, Puerto Rico, in the second.

Attendance looked about 3,500; gross receipts about $10,000.

With gifted local talent as scarce as it is, one finds it difficult to understand why cautious Cus D'Amato continues to keep his troupe of former amateur aces in comparative isolation. A few years ago D'Amato, with heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson as his big attraction, assembled one of the finest collections of promising youngsters in the world. Today, through inactivity, they've all just about faded from the scene.

In 1958, Gray Gavin (Gauvin) of Brooklyn grabbed the national A.A.U. welterweight title in Boston. He turned professional shortly after and a brilliant career was predicted for him when he joined D'Amato's troupe. In these five years, however, Gavin has engaged in only thirteen bouts, with long spells of idleness between, and with mediocre, handpicked opposition to play with, he is no further advanced than when he left the amateurs. He is rapidly leaving his future behind him.

Gavin's latest start, his first in eleven months, resulted in an easy but uninspiring win over Harvey McCullough (Young Joe Walcott), 153, Bridgeton, N.J., in a co-featured eight at Sunnyside Garden. Gavin scaled 146¾.

In the other half of the double windup, up-and-coming Frank Narvaez, 136, Puerto Rico, hustled and bustled his way to a lop-sided decision over Tommy Griffin, 133, Philadelphia, in eight.

Felix Santiago, 161, Puerto Rico, had the better of Tommy Settles, 158½, Jamaica, L.I., in six, and in a pair of fours Bob Avena, 175, Brooklyn, won from Morteza, 171½, Iran, and Vinnie Martinez, 161, Puerto Rico, decisioned Alexander Neal, 161, Harlem.

A gathering of 1,087 contributed $2,125.29 to the box-office.

Pit him against a standup, "orthodox" boxer, who gives him ample punching room and lets him set his own pace, and Rubin (Hurricane) Carter usually does all right for himself. But it's something else again when the opponent is a rough, tough, slam-bang brawler who'll slug punch for punch with him. This was evidenced when the Patersonian, 158, was outgunned by Jose Gonzalez, 161, Puerto Rico, and forced to concede defeat at the end of six rounds of a scheduled TV ten in Madison Square Garden.

Officially, the bout was halted because of gashes over both of Carter's eyes. Unofficially, it looked as though Rubin had became discouraged by Gonzalez's roughness and durability.

For five rounds it had been a savage sockfest with Gonzalez not only absorbing Carter's heftiest clouts but roaring back with his own triple threat (two hands and a head). Whether from punching or butting, Carter was bleeding profusely from cuts over both eyes. Commission physician Dr. Sam Swetnick checked the damages a couple of times between rounds but permitted the bout to continue.

Most of the fight seemed to have gone out of Carter in the sixth, and he didn't toss more than a half-dozen punches in the entire round. He spent most of the time backing away and clutching as Gonzalez continued his slam-bang assaults. At the end of the session, Dr. Swetnick checked Carter's gashes again and, at the request of Rubin's manager, recommended the bout be stopped.

Tony Fortunato, 161, Bronx, drew with Rocky Fumerelle, 159, Buffalo, in the semi-final six. In another scheduled six, cut to four because of TV time, Lucius Benson, 160½, Brooklyn, outclassed Joe Louis Adair, 161, Wichita, Kan. Three other preliminaries were abbreviated by knockouts, Eddie Gorman, 129, Paterson, stopping Luis-Vidot, 126, Puerto Rico, at 2:13 of the third; Genaro Soto, 135, Puerto Rico, halting Tommy Garrison, 136, West Side, at the end of the fourth, and Ricky Nelson, 138, Bronx, doing likewise to Taco Gonzalez, 139, Puerto Rico. In one preliminary that went its four-round course, Wally Henderson, 160, Jersey City, decisioned Jesse Woodies, 161, Harlem.

Attendance looked about 2,600 and gate receipts about $6,200.

Spotting his opponent 4¾ pounds, Ricky Ortiz, 142¼, Puerto Rico, made the score 3-0 in his series with former Golden Glover Pete Toro, 147, Bronx, by edging his way to a close but unanimous decision in a lively eight at Sunnyside Garden. All three officials came up with 5-3 counts for Ortiz.

There wasn't much to choose between the rivals at any time, but two flash knockdowns by Ortiz—one legitimate, one dubious—decided the issue in favor of Ricky. In the fifth he floored Toro briefly with a right to the chin and in the eighth the Bronxite went down from what appeared to be more of a slip than a punch.

Out of action nearly three years, Henry Wallitsch, 196¾, Astoria, celebrated his return by grabbing a split decision from Orvia Veazey, 179¾, Stamford, Conn., in a semi-final six.

Puerto Ricans had quite a night for themselves. Along with the winner in the main event, they turned two victories and a draw in preliminary fours. Winners were Joe Rodriguez, 146, who whipped Marcellus Vaughn, 146½, East Side, and Juan Ramos, 148, who edged out Danny Andrews, 147, West Side. The other entry, Raul Clemente, 122½, fighting his first professional fight, divided the honors with James Robinson, 125½, West Side.

Attendance 1,048; gross receipts $2,050.47.

It was quite a night at Sunnyside Garden. Among developments, two fighters were suspended for fighting.

First, the State Athletic Commission's experimental rules, supposed to minimize chances of injuries to fighters, were given a trial. Four ropes around the ring were used. Rounds in preliminary bouts were cut to two minutes. Red lights were attached to ring posts; if attending physicians thought a fighter was absorbing too much punishment, he could order a Commission inspector to flash on the lights as a signal for the referee to halt the bout. Finally, 10-ounce gloves instead of the usual 8-ouncers were introduced.

Nothing much happened to prove pros and cons of the innovations. Up to the main event, the card moved along in normal order. In fours, Bart Williams, 149½, West Side, outpointed a neighborhood rival, Sid Marcus, 145½; Henry Costoza, 139½, Brooklyn, decisioned Lucius Allen, 139, Bronx, and Vinnie Martinez, 161, Puerto Rico, drew with a fellow-islander, Ray Lacen. In sixes, Ebelardo Munoz, 147, Puerto Rico, won from Juan Ramos, 148, Bronx, and Jimmy Lynn, 151, Newark, N. J., edged out Tommy Hayes, 151, West Side.

Then came the main event, listed for eight rounds. It was a return meeting between Joey Mangiapane, 144½, Corona, and the Long Island rival who had scored that stunning knockout over him five weeks before—Lou Anderson, 144½, Valley Stream.

For four rounds it was a close but hardly spectacular fight, with Anderson slightly ahead. A minute of the fifth had expired when an Anderson right crashed against Mangiapane's nose. Blood gushed out of Joey's proboscis so copiously that Referee Johnny LoBianco, thinking an artery had severed, called a halt. Time of round: 1:11.

Then the excitement began. An irate Mangiapane charged at Anderson. LoBianco got between them and was nearly bowled over. Joey's twin brother, Lenny, hopped into the ring. While referee, special cops and rival managers tried to hold Joey, Lenny rushed at Anderson and began throwing fists. Then the Mangiapane Ladies' Auxiliary swung into action. Rea, Joey's wife, and Cathy, Lenny's spouse, swept into the ring and got into the squabble. The special police finally quieted the embattled principals and restored some semblance of order.

General Melvin L. Krulewitch, Commission chairman, who was present, announced both Mangiapane brothers were suspended pending a hearing at the Commission's offices.

Attendance 1,786; gross receipts $3,629.78.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By Tom Ephrem

TRIPLE HONORS FOR LUIS RODRIGUEZ. FIRST, HE WON THE WELTERWEIGHT TITLE FROM EMILE GRIFFITH. Next, having adopted Miami his home, Luis becomes the first world boxing champion from Florida. Third, he easily captures the "Florida Boxer of The Month" award.

▸ Prepping for a coming fight with Cleveland Williams, Chicagoan Ernie Terrell found an easy "prop" in Herb Siler at Little River, Miami. Terrell provided a knockdown at the close of the second. When Siler, still shaken, unable to answer the third, the win went to Ernie. He weighed 204, and Siler, of Miami, 198.

Amando Gomez and C.J. Thomas travelled four rounds to a draw. Gomez, 124, from Bogota, Colombia, and Thomas, 128, Miami. James McNeal (or McNeill), 168, Miami, put the halter on Willie Taylor, 165, same city, in the fifth. Wendell Newton, 205, Nassau, defeated Big Jim Tillman, 235, Macon, Georgia. Joey Cam, Buffalo 145 pounder, doing mighty fine down here, took but 31 seconds to dispose of Bobo Davis, 143, Miami, in the first round.

▸ The Texas management combine of Benbow and Adams unfolded their "new" Cleveland Williams before 2,371 Miami Beach customers (millions on TV). The Tampa and Houston heavyweight contender facing Billy Daniels in a 10 rounder speared left jabs, left hooks and did good on the inside to gain a unanimous decision and strengthen his rating in THE RING. Daniels, also in RING'S Big Ten, came close to ending the bout in the first round. His luck didn't last. Williams at 212, and Daniels at 191. Referee Jimmy Peerless scored it 97-92; Judge Carl Gardner, 98-93, and Judge Jim Ruby, 98-91, all Williams, whose next bout is with Ernie Terrell.

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▸ Frank Holloway, 140, Miami, took the Little River (Miami) headliner by a technical knockout in three rounds over Perfecto Garcia, 135½, of Puerto Rico. Another short-lived encounter saw Berlin Roberts, 123, Tallahassee, stopping Felix Gonzales, 124, Puerto Rico, in the second round. Abe Olds, 213, Medina, Ohio received all three votes over Ollie Wilson, 200, of Hartford, Conn. George (Whip) Williams, 152, of Naples, Florida, held Harry Belefonte, 154, Moultrie, Georgia even in a sixer. Willie Thomas, 155, and Hilton Lumpkin, 156, both Miamians, drew in six.

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▸ One of the best prospects in the South, Honey Boy Whitney, of Washington, D.C., was awarded a TKO in the third over "Cat" Robinson, of Miami, at Little River. Robinson injured his knee in the second and forced to retire in the next round. Whitney at 155, and "Cat" at 159. Amando Gomez, 121, halted Angel Fontana, 127, in 1:29 of the first round. Berlin Roberts, 121, whipped Jerry Powers, 124, while Vince Hepburn at 186, stopped Jimmy Robinson, 176, in round two, and Herb Tannis, 169, stopped Jimmy Mills, 174, in the third.

▸ Another fight club in Miami neighborhood, this one at Hialeah. The opening program featured Grady McLendon, of Dublin, Georgia and Santo Flores. McLendon won it by a TKO in the fifth. Both featherweights. A cut over Santo's right eye in the fourth, was re-opened in the fifth and that did it. Duane Simpson, Opa-locka welterweight, won a four from Rocky Lizad, of Miami. Walter Williams, Savannah, won by a TKO in the second over Lou Howard, of Miami. They're middleweights. Abe Olds, of Medina, Ohio, came through again. Abe kayoed Big Jim Tillman, in the first round of their heavyweight go. Bobby Dawson, North Miami, and David Ward, of Opa-locka, met in a welterweight match and Dawson won it by a knockout in the third round.

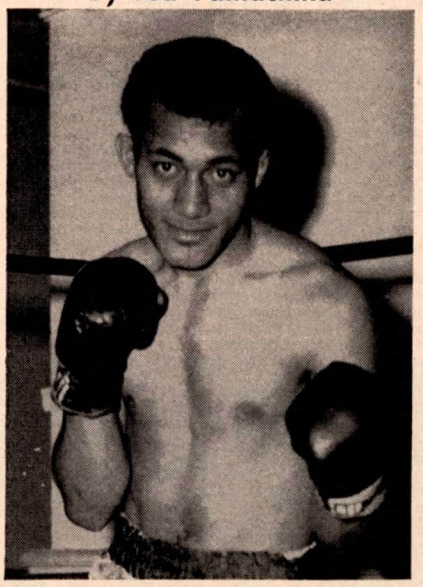
▸ In the top bout at Little River, Miami, Levi Forte, of Miami, technically knocked out Vince Hepburn, New York, in the second cato. Other bouts viewed by 675 fans had Joey Cam, 145, Buffalo, giving another winning performance. Cam stopped Moses Shaw, 141, Miami, in round four. Gibby McCarty, 168, Columbus, Georgia, knocked out Ike Thurston, 164, Miami, in the second round. Champ Fontaine, 153, from Chicago, whipped Willie Thomas, 159, of Miami. Johnny Knight, 176, Beaufort, South Carolina, TKOed LeRoy Kelley, 172, Montgomery, in the third.

▸ Willi Besmanoff, suspended from further boxing promotions in Jacksonville by the Jacksonville Boxing Commission, plans to fight it out in court.

▸ Former lightweight ace Larry Boardman is responding well in daily training for his comeback and that's why Dad-Manager-Trainer Sam Boardman is wrinkled in smiles. Jacksonville is waiting to see how her latest sports name will fare. Later, if the word is "go", Larry will fight out of this city.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By Ted Yamachika



HURRICANE KID

▸ The Hurricane Kid, 157, showing for the second time this year, knocked out Ted Shores, 156¾, of Dallas, Texas, in 2:22 min. of the sixth of a scheduled tenner at the Civic Auditorium, March 12, 1963. The knockout punch was a right to the chin. Shores was stunned by the blow and was counted out while still on his knees. (The State Boxing Commission later fined Shores $100 because the commissioners felt that the fighter could have gotten up.) The Kid was slightly ahead on points.

As far as the fans were concerned, they wouldn't have cared if the fight had ended sooner. It was that dull a fight.

The fight grossed $3,122.45 with 1,561 fans in attendance.

Lionel Rivera, 133½, beat Fouvale Lutu, 132½, 6 rds. Walter Nakama, 120, decisioned Paul Sebastian, 121, 6 rds. Anacleto Battad, 159, was held to a draw by Clarence Petty, 162½, 3 rds. Denis Hesia, 137½, TKO'ed Edward Ki, 139¼, in the first of 3.

▸ Rocky Kalingo, 145, fighting as cautiously as if he were facing the world's greatest puncher, easily outpointed Ben (Bandit) Medina, 144, of Pomona, Calif. in a ten round at the Civic Auditorium. The decision was unanimous. Kalingo copped at least seven rounds and Medina, not a single one. The fans were surprised.

The fight drew 1,691 fans and grossed $4,001.10 for the Boxing Enterprises, Ltd.

Fouvale Lutu, 133½, TKO'ed James Costa, 131¼, in the 4th of 6. Ray Lewis, 122¾, outpointed Paul Sebastian, 122½, 6 rds. Bobby Higa, 123, TKO'ed Ula Seva'aetasi, 126, in the 3rd of 4. Al Fiso, 149, chilled Ken Machado, 146¼, in the 2nd of 3.

DOWN ARIZONA WAY

By Al Fenn

ARCHIE MOORE CAME TO Phoenix and took a match with wrestler Mike DiBiase. The match was set for 10-rounds, and was a challenge affair stemming from a previous bout that Moore had refereed. Needless to say, Mike was no match for Moore. Referee Dick Moll stopped it after 20 seconds of the third round. Moore hit the scales at 206 and DiBase 238. Mike was taking a pretty good licking, but a cut eye was the cause of stopping the bout.

Good looking Sam Pride, 178, former state Golden Gloves champion, and claimant to the state 175 pound championship, scored a third-round TKO victory over Junior Washington, 181, of San Diego. A two-fisted attack rocked Washington at the close of the second, and a cut was opened so deep that a halt was called.

Arnie Cota-Robles, 140, won easily over Young Battling Siki, 137, Los Angeles in eight. And Kenny Scott, 153, Phoenix, rallied in the final two stanzas to score a hard earned; six-round victory over Bob Mitchell, 154, Phoenix.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS

By Lew Eskin

STATE GARDEN UNION CITY . . . Jersey City lightweight Marcel Bizien, 137, proved to sharp a hitter for busy Baby Beau Jack, 134, Bronx and earned Referee Joey Harrison verdict after eight rounds.

This was the first main event under the new rule put in by Commission Joe Walker limiting all fights to two minute rounds. It produced plenty of action. In the past the two minute rule had been in effect only for four and six round bouts.

The rest of the card was also action packed as George Cahill, 171, Paramus made his pro debut with a four round decision over Curtis Primus, 172, Paterson; Eddie Jones, 192, New York kayoed Bob Robbins, 176, New York in the second. In six rounders, Angel Rivera, 124, Paterson and Ruben DeJesus, 130, Puerto Rico drew and Jesus Tanco, 147, Puerto Rico even the score with Domingo Ortiz, 150, Hoboken by winning referee Allie Todisco verdict after a rough brawl.

▸ Two streaks were busted as Sammy Jordan, 172, Union City closed fast to gain referee Paul Cavilier's verdict over Frank DePaula, 171, Jersey City in a slow starting, but fast finishing slam-bang eight rounder before a standing room only crowd. Sammy had lost six in a row while Frank was unbeaten in nine straight, but Sammy forced the action after the fourth round to win going away. The score was 5—2—1.

The semi-final was a rouser as Eddie Gorman, 128, Paterson got referee Mickey Greb's vote over Mike Rosario, 124½, Puerto Rico, 6. In fours George Cahill, 172, Paramus made it two straight with a decision over Alex Neal, 170, New York; Tom Brown, 138, Paterson beat Richie Frazer, 134, New York, 4, and in a wild melee, "Irish" Eddie Jones, 188, New York edged Willie Jones, 186, Paterson who was making his pro debut.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BOXING NEWS

By Ruggles Larson

▸ **TACOMA, WASHINGTON**—George Wright, 158, Tacoma, scored with a vicious left hook to the body of Del Austin, 153, Phoenix, Ariz., at 1:30 of the first round to register a kayo win.

Wright moved right, then dug the hook to the body to dispose of his southpaw victim.

The ten round co-feature had the fans buzzing with excitement. Rudy Garcia, 135, Tacoma, and Ray Coleman, 135, Phoenix, staged an interesting version of the aged boxer vs puncher argument. The result—a draw!

Coleman got off to a good lead, but Rudy kept boring in with combination punches. Coleman appeared to tire during the later rounds, but rallied the last two.

The official decision read like this: Referee Pat McMurtry, 98-93 for Coleman, judge Al McNeish, 97-96 for Garcia, and judge Jerry Aldridge, 96-96.

Four rounders: Henry Walker, 157, Hoquiam, won a unanimous decision over Dennis Yenter, 156, Tacoma. Rickey Torres, 158, Aberdeen, won a hard fought unanimous decision over Chester Davis, 157, Seattle. Arlie Brown, 148, Priest Lake,

Idaho, carried too many guns for Ken Franklin, 147, Springfield, Oregon.

Promoter Inigo Lucchesi's card drew 715 fans, grossing $2,315. Luke had an exception card lined up, but Willie Ross had to withdraw. Austin was rushed in as a last minute sub, which obviously hurt at the gate.

▸ **PORTLAND, OREGON**—Andy Kendall, 160, formerly of Yakima now boxing out of Portland, won a ten round unanimous decision over Ramon Hernandez, 158½, Mexico City. Kendall boxed well and punched sharp.

Hernandez took everything Kendall could throw for eight rounds, then came storming out for the ninth and tenth. Kendall shows a lot of promise and if not rushed, could develop.

Promoter Vearl Sherman used six, four round bouts as preliminaries. This gave plenty of boys the action and experience they need.

Ernie Estebrook, 124, Portland, and Rabbit Chambers, 122½, Phoenix, drew in a fast four rounder. Howard Merideth, 154, Albany, Ore., t.k.o.'ed Jerry Thompson, 150, Portland, in the second. Jerry Hamilton, 150, Portland, drew with Wayne Jernigan, 146, Springfield. Archie Ray, 187, Phoenix, t.k.o.'ed Carlos Mendoza, 184, Portland, in the third. Carl Jorgenson, 140, Portland, t.k.o.'ed Battling Siki, 140, Chicago, in the fourth. Cecil Mott, 150, Portland, was held to a draw by H. C. Massey, 149, Portland.

Sherman's promotion drew 834 fans.

▸ Three Pacific Northwest amateurs won National A.A.U. titles at Utica, N.Y. Vic Brown of Ft. Lewis won the heavy crown, Johnny Howard of Portland copped the 156 lb. division, and Wade Smith of Portland, boxing out of Muncie, Ind., won the welterweight title.

Jim McGowan, Vancouver, B.C., was runner up in the 139 lb. division and Jodie Harris of Portland reached the semi-finals in that weight. Richie Sue, Portland feather, lost a controversial decision in the semis.

Quincy Daniels, Seattle, Wash., won his second All Air Force and Interservice 139 lb. crowns. Martin Borzowski, also of Seattle and in the Air Force, was runner up in the 156 lb. division.

▸ **BILLINGS, MONTANA** — Bobby Horn, 161, Springfield, Ore., stretched his undefeated string to thirteen by winning a unanimous decision over Cal Brown, Priest Lake, Idaho. Horn was the aggressor and heavier puncher in the early rounds, but Brown came back strong and counter-punched very effectively in the middle portions. In the tenth, Horn staggered Brown but couldn't follow up his advantage.

The lopsided decision came as a surprise. Judge Joe Meglen, 99-92, Tom Maxwell, 98-95, and Referee Lou Fontana, 99-95, all for Horn.

In the six round semi-final, Harold McLean, 148, Great Falls, kayoed Howard Meredith, 153, Albany, Ore., with a right hand solar plexus punch, at 2:11 of the third. In another six, Arlie Brown, Priest Lake, Idaho, 148, looked impressive in pounding out a unanimous decision over Wayne Jernigan, 151, Springfield, Ore.

Four rounders—Ernie Estebrook, 126, Portland, knocked out Ray Wilson, 138, Great Falls, in 38 seconds of the second round. In another scheduled four, Jerry Thompson, 161, Portland, kayoed Gene Des Jerlais, 158, Great Falls, at 2:03 of the first canto.

An estimated 500 fans watched.

▸ Quincy Daniels, 139, and Wade Smith, 147, won positions on the Pan American Games' team by winning their respective weight divisions at Toledo, Ohio.

Martin Borzowski of Seattle, representing the Air Force, was a runner up in the 156 pound class.

Johnny Howard, Portland's National A.A.U. Champ, had to bypass the tourney due to an injured mitt.

▸ **BOISE, IDAHO** — Bill McMurray, 205, Sacramento, Calif., scored a surprising eighth round t.k.o. win over George Logan, 201, of Boise.

McMurray took the first two rounds, then Logan began to take charge. George landed several jolting hooks from the third through the seventh. As the seventh round finished, McMurray scored with a solid hook of his own, which obviously hurt Logan.

McMurray floored Logan three times in the eighth round and the referee halted the affair.

Tiger Lynch, Boise heavy, stopped Harlan Kelley of Sacramento in the second round with a one, two combination. The bout was scheduled for six.

Four rounders: Rafael Zabalbeasco, 140, Cascade, Idaho, kayoed Fred Osborne, 145, Mt. Home AFB, Idaho, with a right hand in the first round. John Holbrook, 147, Boise, gained an unpopular decision over Larry Ryan, 150, Mt. Home, AFB. Artie Shanks, 135, Sacramento, won a unanimous decision over Jesse Guerra, 134, Nyssa, Oregon.

The Idaho Boxing Club's promotion drew a good crowd of 1,957.

BOXING IN NORTH CAROLINA
By Edward Neil III

HIGH POINT, N.C.—Freddy Joe Young, 189, of Detroit, Mich., and Winston-Salem, N.C., stopped Jack Allen, 184, of Memphis in the third round of a scheduled 10 at Chavis YMCA gym.

Young, after being rocked in the first round by left hooks, stormed back with left-hook combinations in the second round and dropped Allen twice.

Three left hooks in succession in the third round started Allen towards the canvas to stay. The time was 2:30.

The victory was Young's 14th in 17 fights, and his 12th knockout.

Allen claimed the Tennessee State Heavyweight Championship but the title was not at stake in the fight here.

A six and a four, both matching middleweights, supported the main event of the first boxing match here in several years. The card was the first in an effort by Herman Bond to promote professional boxing in northwestern North Carolina.

Bond said after the fights that he hoped to stage a card in Greensboro's coliseum, then move back to Winston-Salem for outdoor bouts during the summer.

In the six, Leon (Popcorn) Sutton won his third fight in his brief pro career, stopping Arthur Little of High Point in the first round. Sutton, at 158, has lost a decision and fought a draw. Miller weighed 154.

In the four, Harold Miller of Winston-Salem knocked out Bud Brewer of Charlotte in the final round.

The promotion drew a crowd estimated at 200.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

Houston, Texas Boxing Enterprises, Promoter. In conjunction with the closed-circuit telecast of the Cassius Clay-Doug Jones fight Promoter Earl Gilliam of T.B.E. staged a quartet of "live" bouts at the City Auditorium. The gate was a respectable $8,550. The top "live" scrap paired skyscraping Otis (I'm 6-5) Lee, 201, Houston, with muscular Jim Olive, 199, Cleveland, in a six-rounder. The bout was declared a draw after 18-minutes of all-out action.

Frankie Garza, 148, Houston, had the big crowd cheering as he chilled tough Horace Davis, 144, Dallas, in the third round. Garza proved once more that he is one of the best thrill providers to come along in the prelim ranks in a long while.

Leon Amie, 140, Dallas, was just a shade too fast and experienced for tall, hard hitting 20-year old Carlyle Wright, 141, Houston, who was losing his first battle after three straight wins as a pro.

A young 19-year old kid by the name of Irish Jimmy Manahan, 186, from Houston's North Side, made an auspicious pro debut as he belted out Charles "Chuck" Oliver, 196, Dallas, with a short left hook in the third round. Make yourself a note now, and keep tabs on Irish Jimmy as he could go places.

▸ **Dallas, Texas, Mrs. Carole Adams, Promoter.** Big "D" went with the closed circuit showing of Clay-Jones, and held a couple of four rounders to keep the fans amused prior to the screening. In bouts, Ronald Mackey, 143, Dallas, stopped Roy Scott, 142, Dallas, in the third, while scrappy Belden Paton, 138, Dallas, tkayoed Frank Anderson, 136, Dallas, in round one.

▸ **San Antonio, Texas, Jimmy Scaramozi, Promoter.** Also, going with the Clay-Jones screening from Madison Square Garden, the Alamo City witnessed three "live" fights to boot. Porfirio "Blackie" Zamora, 130, Corpus Christi, remained one of the best youngsters in Texas as he stopped willing little Jesse Alaniz, 130, Houston, in the fifth.

Another good prospect, Steve Freeman, 128, Lake Jackson, had a tough evening when he injured both hands but managed to squeeze by classy Richard Guillen, 131, Corpus Christi, in a fast six. Paul Nicholas, 146, formerly of Milwaukee but now fighting out of Houston, stopped veteran Gil Tapia, 140, San Antonio, in the fifth.

▸ **Austin, Texas, National Boxing Association, Promoter.** Paul Alba, 129, Austin, required only two rounds to stretch out Jesse Alvarado, 132, San Antonio, in the top spot of a Capitol City show. In other battles, Benito Juarez, 140, Austin, whipped Pete Hererra, 145, San Antonio, in four rounds; Simon Ramirez, 129½, decisioned Artie Clark, 131, in a six; and Lalo Hernandez, 144, iced Matias Ortiz, 141½, in the second.

▸ **Beaumont, Texas, Bill Plattsmier, Promoter.** Al Villafara, the veteran stylist from New Orleans, outcuted rugged Alonzo Harris of Oklahoma City to earn the nod after 10-rounds of milling. Villafara is only 27, but he has been active in the money ranks for better than 10 years. Genial Bill Plattsmier is kind to veteran fighters, and they all seem to get a new lease on life when they fight for him in the Sportatorium. Villafara scaled 159, Harris 160.

Al Franklin, 131, Oklahoma City, outdueled scrappy Benito Juarez, 138, Austin, in six; Frank Garza, 145, Houston, a classy boxer with a fiery temper elected to stand toe to toe with strong Floyd Dalfrey, 146, Lake Charles, and won by a fourth round TKO when the referee intervened to save Dalfrey from a possible knockout. It was a riotous affair that had the near capacity crowd in convulsions all the way.

Joe Price, 165, Lake Charles, put the skids under veteran Margarito "Chico" Garcia, 163, Houston, in the first heat. Price is the younger brother of ex-Texas lightheavy king George Price.

▸ **Houston, Texas, Texas Boxing Enterprises, Promoter.** Young Jack Johnson is a big, double-tough guy who towers 6-3, and tips the beam at 233. He was brought in to face world's fourth ranking heavyweight Cleveland Williams, 213, at the spacious Sam Houston Coliseum. Young Frank, a mountain of a man, walked out in the opening round and three times tossed punches below Williams' belt-line. Illegal rabbit punches to the back of the neck were his specialty. Along the way he had several run-ins with referee Jimmy Webb.

In the fifth a thunderous right hand, followed by a whistling left hook toppled the huge New Yorker but he was up after a short count and had to be forcibly held back for the eight count. He was a badly battered fighter, and was taking terrific punishment in the tenth when Webb decided to halt the bout, and declare Cleve winner by a technical knockout.

In a 12-round added attraction for the vacant Texas welterweight title, Manuel Gonzalez, 145, of Houston, scored a technical knockout over Earl Citizen, 147, of Beaumont in the fifth round. Gonzalez dropped Citizen for a nine count in the second and was handing him a severe lacing in the fifth when referee Ernie Taylor halted the contest. Gonzalez is one of the most clever ringmen now plying their trade around here and developing into quite a belter.

Henry Dominguez, 135, Odessa, was tremendous in scoring a two round knockout over David White, 135, Houston. Dominguez can become one of the top lightweights. He's rough and tough.

In another bout, Joe Price, 165, Lake Charles, won a close four round decision from former amateur star Ray Martin, 165, Houston. Price and Martin waged a real brawl.

▸ **Odds & Ends . . .** Look for sensational Frankie Garza to become one of the most popular prelim fighters we've had in the State in a long time . . . Humberto Barrera, a terrific drawing card in San Antonio and Corpus Christi, and a whale of a bantamweight to boot . . .

PETER MUELLER FAILS A THIRD TIME AGAINST LASZLO PAPP
By J. A. Tree

The Westfalenhalle in Dortmund was packed almost to capacity with a crowd of some 16,000, and those in attendance, mostly Germans of course, were here hoping to see their middle champion, Peter Mueller dethrone the European title holder, Laszlo Papp. They were out of luck, for in the fourth round, referee Tommy Little, of Britain, called a halt as the German staggered around the ring unable to defend himself. It was the only action open to Little, and even the local crowd did not disapprove, for to have allowed the fight to continue might have brought about a tragedy.

It was the third time that Mueller had been stopped by this fighting machine from Hungary. The previous were, however, non title affairs and took place in 1961 in Germany and Austria. In the first Mueller was halted in eight and in the second—in four rounds. Papp is no stranger to Germany for it was his sixth appearance in this country.

A left in the very first round brought blood from Mueller's nose. It began to swell and bled freely causing him to have difficulty with his breathing. It was a handicap of course but made no difference to the outcome. Fighting continued well after the bell had closed the round with Mueller guilty of landing two blows. They did no damage fortunately but brought Mueller a severe warning from the referee. Southpaw Papp took the round clearly with his brilliant counter punching.

It was noticeable that Papp's best punch was his left hook and often it fooled Mueller taking him by surprise. He threw one or two right hooks and as Mueller started his attack he would switch to a lightning left hook which stopped the German in his tracks. This was the punch that finally sapped the challenger's strength and brought an early victory.

Round two and three were a repeat of the first. Full marks must be given to Mueller who showed unlimited courage, gameness and pluck against a far better opponent. The German appeared to be staking everything on a KO victory in trying to land the punch which had brought a quick end to 63 of his 164 fights. He seldom got through the defense of Papp and took far too much punishment in trying to land his right.

In round four, however, Mueller did get through with two rights to Papp's face, but his strength had gone and minutes later he was out on his feet.

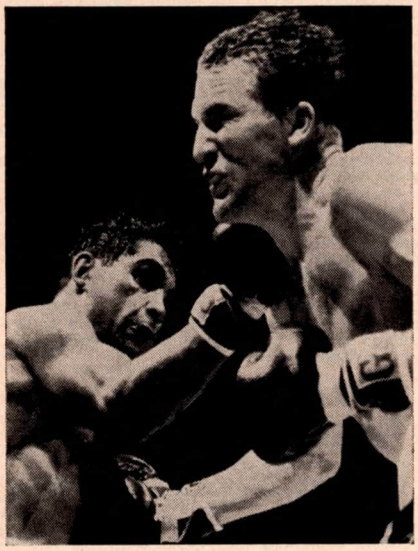
This was Mueller's second attempt to win the EBU middle title having been previously KOed by fellow German, Gustav Scholz in one round in 1959 when the latter held the title.

Middle 4 rounds. Heinz Dusing (Germany) outpointed Peter Faust (Germany). Feather 6 rounds. Belain Belouard (Algeria) won RSF 2 over Sugar Ray (Holland). Heavy 8 rounds. Sherman Adams (USA) lost TKO to Gerhard Zech (Germany). Middle 8 rounds. Klaus Stockmann (Germany) won points over Michel Diouf (France). Middle 8 rounds. Marcel Desfournfaux (France) lost KO 1 to Jupp Elze (Germany).

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

LOPEZ-TORIES NEW L.A. HEROES



"Irish" Wayne Thronton, Fresno light heavyweight contender takes a right on the jaw from Willie Pastrano during their ten round draw in Madison Square Garden. The pair will meet in a third match next month in Las Vegas. Thronton and his fellow belter from the "Raisin" City, Gabe Terronez, are two of the top youngsters in the boxing game.

Should boxing be outlawed in California?

Morton Moss, of the L.A. HERALD-EXAMINER, put it to a vote. And here was his final tabulation: NO, 6,091, YES, 4,809. The NO's had it by a margin of 1,282 votes.

Hard on the heels of this vote, the Coliseum Commission held a special meeting to determine whether boxing shows should be held in the Coliseum and the Sports Arena, which also comes under their jurisdiction.

And the Commission voted 5-3 to turn down the proposal by its chairman which would have barred any boxing promotion from the Coliseum or Sports Arena.

Viva Mayheeco! In a double wind-up at the Olympic Auditorium, Jose (Portillo) Lopez, bantam, and Alacran (Efrem) Torres, both odds-on favorites, ran true to form: Lopez, 117, knocked out Joe Valdez, 118¼, in the 8th round. Torres, 114, scored a one-round kayo over Juan Amador, 113½.

Lopez was shooting for his 5th straight win at the Olympic—he is now 28-1. Torres fattened his record: he's now 20-1. Lopez now makes home in Tijuana; and Torres is a Guadalajara boy, like Jose Becerra. Both boys are highly regarded here.

In the semi, slated for six, Rudy Prince, 160¾, knocked out Roxy Mosley, 156¾, in the 4th round. In the opener, Julio Zuniga, 134½, knocked out Joe Hueso, 132½, in the 2nd round.

Four fights, four knockouts—and the customers didn't mind it a bit. There was action from start to finish of the show.

▸ Kid Rayo, 149½, who hails from Managua, Nicaragua, and who won four and lost seventeen in the last three years, won the unimous decision over Frankie Belma, 147, at Moulin Rouge, Hollywood headquarters of Joe Louis.

It was their third meeting. Belma won both of their former meetings. This time, he ran out of gas before they reached the half-way mark of their 10-round go. Maybe the cash customers had a hunch, for they stayed away in large numbers; less than 300 attended. It was the smallest crowd (crowd?) of the Brown Bomber's promotions.

Belma was fresh out of the army, which may be his excuse. The entire bill was televised locally.

In the semi-final, billed for six, Juan James, 123½, scored a 4-round knockout over Mark Serratos, 127½, San Diego. Other prelims: Willie Cann-Do, heavyweight, didn't do: he was stopped in the 3rd round by Willie Davis, and in the opener, Elias Vasquez, 118, dec. Manuel Villareal, 120.

▸ **BAKERSFIELD** . . . Zora Folley, 204, Phoenix, and Dean Bogany, 186, Fresno, drew (5). A cut left eye suffered by Bogany caused by a butt, ruled the referee and he called-the-bout a technical draw.

"Sports Public Demands Thrills" was the caption over Sid Ziff's column in the TIMES, and he goes on to say: "People want the big thrill. They go to see a fighter knocked out, the bull killed, the home run clout, the auto racing accident, the fullback who can run over bodies for 5 yards to a touchdown. This is life.

"A boxer who can go 10 rounds and not get hit is called an agony fighter. The next time out, the house is empty. A 1 to 0 ball game has the crowd bored. If the bull left the arena alive, it would be the end of it.

"These are facts. People are what they are. You can't change them. Prohibition didn't make fewer drinkers.

▸ **SACRAMENTO** . . . Joey Lopes, 135½, Sacramento, drew with Georgie Page, 136, Auburn (10).

▸ **STOCKTON** . . . Rey Asis, 121, Stockton, KO (2) over Pepino Morales, 120½, San Jose.

▸ The ill-fated "championship card" on March 21st, the one which cost Davey Moore his life, drew a gate of $262,452; a crowd of 26,124. That was the Eaton-Parnassus promotion at Dodger Stadium.

Had the show been staged on March 16th, as originally planned, there would have been an additional $70,000, from the telecast. But a rainstorm forced a postponement, and the postponement cancelled the telecast.

However: the $262,452 gate happens to be the second largest in California boxing history.

First, from a financial standpoint, was the Becerra-Halimi bantam title fight, which shared honors with Battling Torres and Carlos Ortiz, for the junior welter crown. That one drew $383,080 at the Coliseum.

▸ Governor Pat Brown named Sol Silverman, prominent San Francisco attorney, to "investigate" boxing. Silverman, in the Twenties, was captain of the University of California boxing team.

Unquestionably an honest man is Mr. Silverman, but after giving the matter a lot of thought, he came up with eight recommendations. One of the local scribes checked up on these recommendations, discovered that seven of the eight are already covered in the rules and regulations governings boxing in the Golden State. The eighth? Well, Mr. Silverman suggests that two physicians be in attendance at every show with authority to stop fights. If necessary, that is.

▸ **SAN JOSE** . . . Luis Molina, 139, San Jose, defeated Bobby Scanlon, 137, San Francisco, in a 10-rounder at the Civic Auditorium here. It was a rough and rugged battle; both boys were warned for unnecessary roughness. Molino turned on the gas in the closing rounds to catch the eyes of the officials.

▸ **SACRAMENTO** . . . Fred Roots, 163½, Sacramento, KO (6) over Charlie Austin, 156½, Phoenix.

▸ Sid Ziff, sports columnist of the TIMES, had an amusing interview with Bob Hope, the millionaire sportsman, and favorite comedian of a billion fans all over the world.

It is well-known to Bob's fans that he was once a boxer. He boxed in Cleveland under the tag of Packey East.

"How good were you?" asked Sid.

"I'm the only fighter in Cleveland history who was carried both ways. I was real fast. My fights didn't last long. It was me or the other fellow quickly. Most of the time it was the other fellow."

"You mean it was the other fellow who won?"

"Of course" Hope agreed. "I was an amateur. I mean, I was really an amateur. I'll always remember the time I fought Happy Walsh. I threw my full right hand at him. Put everything I had into it. Then I woke up in the corner. He took my right hand and gift-wrapped it and sent it back to me."

Then Hope got serious for a moment.

"Boxing has done so much for the minorities. It has given a lot of kids a chance to find a place in the world. It has given them stature. You can't dismiss this side of it."

Hope is part owner of the Cleveland Indians; until recently, he was also part owner of the Rams. His favorite sports: football, golf, baseball and fishing. Boxing? "I love boxing", he told Ziff.

▸ Tevel Holeman, 154, hard-hitting San Diego middleweight, racked up his 13th victory at the Moulin Rouge club in Hollywood by stopping Rielero Arreola, 157, Mexico. Promoter Joe Louis has got the O.K. from the Athletic Commission on moving his club to Ciro's. The Brown Bomber hopes this will increase his "live" audiences; he will continue to telecast his entire card over KCOP, Channel 13.

Holeman is undefeated; his record: 13 wins, one draw, with seven knockouts to his credit.

In the six-round semi, Paul Lucero, 146½, battled a unanimous draw with Benny McCorvey, 150½. In the opener, Al Swiderski, 170, drew with Eddie Donelsen, 168½, in a four-spot.

▸ **SAN DIEGO** . . . Paulie Armstead, 134, won over Jimmy Fields, 134, in a 12-rounder for the California lightweight title. The scoring tells the story: Referee Frank Rustich, 10-2; Judge Hal Richards, 8-2, and Judge Art Rifkin, 11-0—all for Armstead.

▸ **OAKLAND** . . . Henry Hank, 174, Detroit, made it short and sweet by stopping Dick Young, 168, Philadelphia, in the 1st round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

▸ Wilhelm von Homburg, 183, imported from Germany by Baron Heinrich von Stumme, fattened his batting average at the Moulin Rouge club, Hollywood, by knocking out Pete Gonzalez, 179, in the 3rd round. He made it convincing by scoring four knockdowns in the first two heats.

Herr Homburg used to be a wrestler, but his boxing record is good enough—12 wins, 1 defeat—justifies him to stick to the ring. Maybe he was inspired by Paul Berlenbach—remember him, oldtimers?

Prelims: Freeman Hardin, 193, drew with Eddie Foster, 210, in the six-round semi. Jose Rodriguez, 140, dec. Lorenzo Torres, 139, 4 rds.

▸ You'll find him in the 1953 Ring Record Book listed as Baby Luis, bantamweight; he's a Cuban, now living in Mexico, and he dropped his surname, Rodriguez, because there are ten, count 'em, ten, Rodriguezes, including a welterweight whose name is also Luis Rodriguez, in the book.

Anyway, Baby Luis scored a clean kayo over Manny Linson, Sonora, Mexico, at the Olympic Auditorium, L.A., in the 4th round. It was billed for ten. Luis, 124; Linson, 125. (Overgrown bantams.)

John Hall's story in the TIMES, read: "A tiny 'crowd' of about 000, saw Luis hit the floor in the second round, but he came back with bombs". That was, indubitably, a tiny crowd. The HERALD EXAMINER yarn, written by George Main, said 900 were on hand. Less than one-tenth of the Olympic capacity.

In the six-round semi, Raul Rojas, 131½, L.A., scored a last-round kayo over Freddy Burris, 131½, Santa Ana. Other prelims: Jorge Rivera, 131, Guadalajara, dec. over Miguel Ibarra, 125½, Tijuana; Norman Parra, 121, San Ysidro, drew with Al Nieto, 120½, L.A.

▸ Over at Hollywood, Ray Walk, 138, won his spurs as a main eventer in Joe Louis' feature, defeating Memo Lopez, 143½, at the Moulin Rouge. It was Walk's fifth fight at the Moulin Rouge; he now has a record of 13-4-1. It something of an upset; Walk finished strong to catch the eyes of the judges.

In the semi-final, billed for six, Jose Hueso, 135½, scored a first round kayo over Hector Pampa, 136½; and Quan James, 123½, drew with Marcelino Serratos, 127, in four.

The entire card was televised.

▸ Ben (The Bandit) Medina is now managed by Billy Newman and Augie De Milte of San Jose. Medina, father of five, is a beer salesman and doing nicely. He's in the Top Ten of junior welters.

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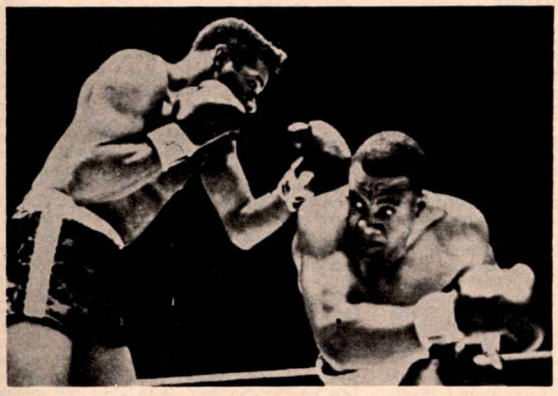

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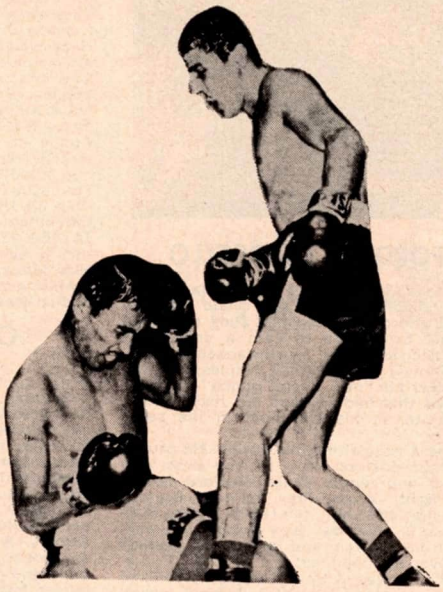

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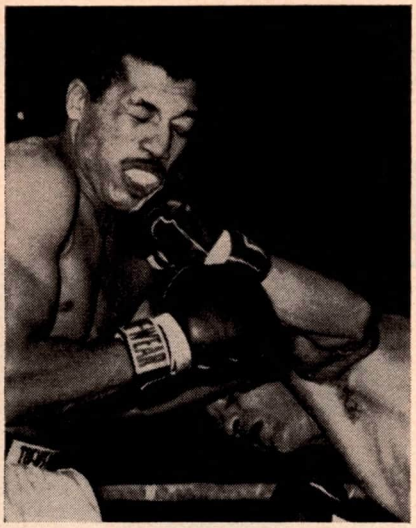

BURFORD vs GIARDELLO

Joey Giardello, 33 year-old Philadelphia middleweight struggled to gain a ten round decision over Ernie Burford, of Memphis. Joey called on his 14 years' experience to gain a unanimous ten round decision. The fourth-ranked middleweight completely outwitted the Tennessean who failed to deliver his "new, secret punch"—a shortened left hook that had knocked out Jesse Smith, a local favorite, in his last bout in the same Arena.

Giardello was exquisite in his timing. He caught Burford out of position most of the time with combinations and single shots. Burford fought Giardello's fight. When Joey feinted, Burford instead of going after him, feinted in return. Giardello, at 161¼ pounds, was unusually well-trained and had seven and a quarter pounds advantage over his opponent.

The show was staged by Al Lewis, a well-liked promoter who is doing his share to keep boxing alive in this city. After the bout, Madison Square Garden Matchmaker Teddy Brenner offered Giardello a fight with Wilbur (Skeeter) McClure, a rising welterweight now in the Army in Germany. Promoter Lewis offered Giardello a match with Ray Robinson. Joey's new business manager, Frank Laurenzi, is now weighing future offers.

Billy Lynch, 149, Hartford, Conn., outslugged southpaw Jerry Black, 148½, Philadelphia, in an eight-rounder.

Mel Middleton, the ninth-ranked junior lightweight from Philadelphia scored a 118-second victory over Luis Ortiz Aponte, of New York. This bout was the most exciting of the night. Mel took a stiff left on the chin from the New York southpaw at the start and came back with a one-two combination that dropped Aponte for the compulsory eight-count. He drove Luis into a corner with a combination of punches that pinned him there, defenseless, until referee Joe Sweeney came to the rescue. Middleton weighed 130, a pound heavier than his rival.

Benny Briscoe, the former National AAU champ from Philadelphia, gained a six-round decision over Chuck McCreary, 151, of Youngstown, O.

Benny scored a knockdown in the fifth round to gain his sixth straight pro victory. This 22-year-old lad looks like the next big thing in the middleweight decision. He weighed 150 pounds.

Jow Washington, 160½, of Philadelphia, stopped Rabbitt Church, 160, of Chester, in the fifth round and Floyd McCoy, 174, New York, halted Johnny Alford, 168, Philadelphia, in the seventh. The turnout drew 3,778 fans, grossed $14,679, a disappointing turnout.

ALLENTOWN, PA.—In the first show staged in Allentown in almost ten years, promoters Danny Kramer and Lou Luchessi had a good show but a disappointing turnout. In the 10-round windup Jackie Donnelly, Buffalo, N.Y., lightweight, hammered out a technical knockout victory over Earl Owens, 138, Atlantic City, in the third round. They staged a hard-hitting fight. Through the first two rounds it was Donnelly on the offensive and Owens waiting for a chance to land. In the third, Owens suffered a severe cut over his eye. After examining the cut, the ring physician wouldn't allow Owens to continue.

Johnny Deutsch, 206-pound Allentown slugger recorded his second straight professional victory by scoring a second round knockout over Clarence Preston, of Philadelphia.

Jerry Fabrizio, (126) and Jerry Mathews (122), Philadelphians, fought a six round interesting draw. In another six-rounder, heavyweights Dave Bailey (202), Phila., and Jim McCarter, Chester, Pa., battled to a draw.

It's time that some space was devoted to the coming youngsters. Most of the dailies are concerned with champions and near contenders but what about the fighter of tomorrow? Benny Briscoe, Philadelphia slugging welterweight, is a likely prospect of the future. He has come through with flying colors with six straight victories as a professional and it is expected that he will soon be crossing gloves with the best in this area. In his last start, Benny defeated the more experienced Chuck McCreary, of Youngstown, O.

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ROCHESTER, NEW YORK
By Charles Keese

Here are the results of the Rochester boxers in the Nationals of the Golden Gloves in Chicago. They were representing the Buffalo team of the Niagara District Amateur Athletic Union.

Heavyweight—Leroy Alexander of Rochester lost a very close decision to Leonard Urban of Green Bay, Wis. in his first match.

160-lbs.—Tony Romano, a rugged hard punching 160 pounder from Rochester won his first match by a K.O. in the second round over Clarence Archie of Roswell, New Mexico. In his second match a few hours later, Frank Verna's outstanding middleweight won a decision over Roger Fulton of Nashville, Tenn.

In his third match Tony lost to Jimmy Ross of Cincinnati, Ohio.

147 lbs.—Gus Allen of Rochester, lost his first match by decision to Pete Esquibel of Roswell, New Mexico.

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OHIO BOXING NEWS
By Eddie Schauer

Several planned boxing shows for Cleveland have had to be cancelled as the "strike" of that city's two daily newspapers still plagues the area. Promoter Oscar Kortowich has had several dates lined up in hopes that the newspapers would be back on the streets. However, the strike is still on at this writing.

Chet O'Kelly, Barberton promoter staged a combination Pro-Amateur card at the Akron Armory. A crowd of around 600 turned out and saw local amateur star Mac Harrison make his pro-debut. He scored a two-round KO over Clevelander Mickey Davis. 6-foot 3-inch Harrison used a long left jab and a whistling right cross to good advantage and never let Davis get inside at all. Harrison weighed 197 to Davis's 203.

Fate Davis, undefeated Akron welterweight, stopped Youngstown's Johnny Bridges on a T.K.O. when a cut was opened in Johnny's mouth in the 2nd round of their scheduled six-rounder. This was unfortunate as rugged, tough Johnnie had taken all that the hard-punching Davis could offer in the first round and was just warming to the task himself when the bout was halted. Each boxer weighed 148 pounds.

Received my copy of Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book and was very pleased to find that this year's edition has the records of bouts, wins, losses, etc., at the end of each of the old timers' individual record. This is great!!!

Send your Ohio news and notes to the writer at 4639 Webb Rd., Perry, Ohio.

BOXING IN THE PINE TREE STATE
By Ed Griffin

Lewiston: The largest fight crowd in fifteen years, 3,500 fans, were treated to a good exhibition by the master of boxing, Sugar Ray Robinson. He put all his talents together for a three round knockout of Billy Thornton, Memphis, Tennessee. Robinson weighed in at 161, six pounds lighter than his victim.

The Under Card: 10 Rounds: Freddie Butts, 150, of Portland, knocked out Al Dozie, 155, of Hartford, Conn., in 2:27 of the first round. It was to have been for ten rounds.

Paul Stivelleta, 154, Portland, knocked out Bobby Monroe in 1:50 of the first. Monroe from Hartford, Conn., was hit while on the floor taking a count.

In 4 Rounders: Bob Thomas, 143, Gardiner, Me. knocked out Bob Russel of Brunswick in 1:58 of the first. Lee Williams, 155, Boston knocked out Bob Nelson, 155, New Haven Conn., in 56 seconds of the second round. Paul Junior refereed the Robinson-Thornton fight while Ken McDowell handled the other officiating chores.

Promoter Chick Wergeles had a good card lined up but his last minute substitutions killed the card.

Portland: A live card was put on for the closed circuit Clay-Jones fight. Four bouts were staged, in the feature eight-rounder aggressive Willie Williams, 133, of Boston, kept the pressure on for an upset eight-round decision of Artie LaFrance, 135, of Lowell, Mass.

Johnny Russo, 155, Dorchester, Mass., knocked out Joe Connors, 160, of Lowell, Mass., in 45 seconds of the third round. Bob Thomas, 137, Gardiner, scored a TKO over Paul Held, 137, of Augusta in 1:12 of the fourth. Francis Preshong, 135, of Hallowell drew with John Wheelock, 133, of Augusta in four. The 1400 paid attendance saw a good live show at Joe Michaels promotion.

Lewiston: Ruby Davis giant substitute for the scheduled main-bout proved too large an order for the smart ring boxer, Billy Tisdale at City Hall and scored a six round TKO. The winner from Philadelphia weighed 215. Tisdale, from Bridgeport, Conn., weighed in at 181. Davis looked real good.

Bob Thomas of Gardiner, 137, won a close decision over Larry Lefty Charest, 137, of Lewiston in a slug fest. Charest, if properly handled, could go a long ways. Roy Ashby, 145, of Augusta, waited out wind milling welterweight Carlos Garcia, 144, of New York City to score a TKO in 41 seconds of the fourth round. Mike Vigilo, 148, of New York City, won a unanimous decision over Antoine Pontier, 148, of Newport, Vermont. Vigilo looked good.

Ray Acevedo, New York, 139, stopped Ronnie Butts, 135, Portland, in 1:18 of the second. Jose Sanchez, New York, 133, knocked out Tippy Larkin, 128, of Portland, in 1:58 of the first.

1,000 attended a real good fight on Chick Wegles' promotion.

Chairman George Russo of the Maine Boxing Commission, has granted twenty-four hour replacements for cancellations of scheduled boxers. The Portland bouts are put on by Sonny Serverino with the help of Boston's promoter, Sam Silverman.

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BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

Professional boxing made its appearance again, in the Richmond area after many years. The card was presented at the city Arena, by the Virginia Boxing enterprises. Ex-boxer Brooks Bowen, handled the matchmaker chores. Approximately 1200 fans attended the initial card.

Billy Sahnow, making his local fight-for-pay debut, scored a unanimous six-round decision over Jack Lawrence of Jacksonville, Fla. Lawrence dropped in the 1st round, with a terrific left hook to the stomach, managed to outlast the onslaught of Sahnow, after taking a mandatory 8 count.

Virginia State Athletic Commissioner (Secretary) Don (Bill) Brennan, suspended Jimmy Young of Wheeling, W.Va. Young was scheduled to box Jackie Range of Elizabethton, Tenn., in the co-feature bout. When Young weighed in 8 pounds less than his opponent Range, he immediately left for home, leaving the promoter without a co-feature bout. The commission secretary Don Brennan, officially sanctioned an exhibition between Holly Mims of Washington, D.C. and Walker Simmons of Ashville, N.C.

David "Sugar" Wyatt, 144, of Richmond, Va., was awarded the decision over Johnny Johnson, 144, of Elizabethton, Tenn., in eight rounds. Irwin Stewart of Alexandria, Va., won over Jimmy Howard of Richmond, Va. in 4. Gene Young of Wheeling, W.Va., won over Nick Nichlos of Roanoke, Va., in 6.

Managers and boxers are requsted to contact Brooks Bowen — Virginia Boxing Enterprises — Richmond, Va. The writer's address is: 912 Brandon Ave., Norfolk, Va.

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

WORCESTER — Mechanic's Hall—Dick French, 140, Providence, scored his 21st win in 23 fights when he won a unanimous eight round decision over Psalm Johnson, 136, Hartford. Johnson got off to an early lead as he scored well with looping punches but soon tired from the pace French set and turned the bout into a mauling affair.

For the second time Vernon Lamarr, 158, Brunswick, N. J., held Larry Carney, 160, Lowell, to a decision in their eight rounder. Carney scored knockdowns in the first and seventh frames but couldn't keep his wily foe down. Eddie Armstrong, 147, Elizabeth, N. J., showing signs of ring rust, called on his experience to punch out a clear cut six round decision over Tony Caruolo, 141, Providence. The abbreviated card was cut to three bouts due to substitutions.

BOSTON—Arena—Ron DeCost, 112, Brockton, became the holder of both the New England flyweight and bantamweight titles by taking a ten round decision over Ray Jutras, 111, Lowell. DeCost was defending the flyweight title and challenging Jutras' bantamweight bauble. Jutras clearly won the first four rounds but DeCost rallied in the final half of the fight to win a split decision that was roundly booed by the fans.

Barry O'Neil, 199, Providence, decisioned Ronnie Christopher, 201, Chelsea, in the four round opener. The bouts were the 'live' portion of a show headed by the televising of the Cassius Clay-Doug Jones battle.

WORCESTER—Mechanic's Hall—Lou Gutierrez, 165, middleweight champion of Central America from Nicaragua, made an auspicious New England debut by stopping Gene Washington, 169, Elizabeth, N.J., in the eighth round. Gutierrez started slowly but warmed up to swarm Washington with a windmill attack. The latter was unable to answer the bell for the eighth round as he had a badly lacerated ear.

Manny Burbo, 148, New Bedford, was impressive in stopping Antoine Porter, 145, Quebec City, in the third round. Burgo shows a lot of promise and bears watching. Carlos Zayas, 115, Holyoke, won a close six rounder from Paulino Dios, 119, Puerto Rico. Guy LoConte, 147, Malden, crumpled Art Gauthier, 147, Ludlow, with a couple of body blows in the first round.

BOSTON—Garden—Joe DeNucci, 167, Newton, proved his superiority over hard punching Mike Pusateri, also 167, Dedham, in their ten round rematch. Joe made Iron Mike carry the fight to him and did a nifty job of countering. He occasionally mixed Pusateri up by beating him to the punch.

Pusateri suffered a cut over his left eye in the third. The bout headed Sam Silverman's annual St. Patrick's Day program and drew 4,085 fans who paid $14,935.

Tommy Haden, 122½, New Bedford, turned in a masterful performance in stopping George Colton, 125, Tewksbury, in the fifth round. Haden was defending his New England featherweight title. The bout was halted in the fifth round because of a cut Colton had suffered over his left eye, but Haden was ahead on points having staggered Colton in the third.

Larry Carney, 160, Lowell, cemented his claim for New England middleweight titular honors when he stopped former titlist, Willie Greene, 159, Providence, in the seventh round. Greene also suffered a bad cut which bled profusely from the second round on. Greene faster and a better boxer appeared to be giving Larry a going over in the early going. Greene took Larry's best punches without going down but was being hit more easily when the bout was stopped.

Dick French, 143, Providence, subbing for the ailing Bob Fosmire, won the New England welterweight championship by whipping Paul Christie, 147, Medford, in ten rounds. French fought a dogged fight and Christie tired badly from the pace. In the final three rounds French battered Christie almost at will. As in each of the bouts on the card, there were no knockdowns.

Arnie Brower, 185, Hartford, going ten rounds for the first time tired after the first half of the fight in his battle with Ted Williams, 179, Roxbury. Brower had built up an easy lead with his heavier punching but appeared to be losing on points going into the final round. Somehow Brower mustered up enough energy to win the final heat in a blaze. He had Williams rocking but was unable to drop him. Brower was awarded the unanimous decision.

WORCESTER—Mechanic's Hall—Incensed by a low blow, Lou Gutierrez, 162, Nicaragua unleashed a solid right to the chin that dropped Julius Owens, 165, New York. Owens arose but received such a furious fussilade that Referee Billy Connelly wisely intervened.

Manny Burgo, 148, New Bedford, outboxed and outpunched George Briggs, 149, New York, in the six round semi-final. Guy LoConte, 149, Malden, scored a lop-sided six round decision over Rafey Reyes, 153, New York. Roger Frechette, 116, Lowell, turned pro and was impressive in his debut by stopping Billy Cardiero, 113, Cambridge, in the fourth round.

WORCESTER — Mechanic's Hall — Joe Gomes, 163, Worcester, filling in as a substitute when the opponents of both failed to show, scored a big upset when he stopped Larry Carney, also 163, Lowell, in the fourth round. The bout was a knockdown-drag-out fight. Carney was dropped to one knee as the bell ended the first round. Gomes was dropped in the second, Carney was only arising from a knockdown when the third round ended, he was spilled again in the fourth before the bout was stopped.

Lou Gutierrez, 162, Nicaragua, took every round of the eight round co-feature from Ray Villona, 163, New York. Guy LoConte, 149, Malden, won on a TKO when Gene Garrison, 153, Boston, was unable to answer the bell for the sixth and final round of their bout because of a cut eye. Don Webber, 179, Salem, halted Billy Davis, 189, Boston, in the second round of the slated four round opener.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
With Pinky Mitchell, former World Junior Welterweight Champion

In what was to be a hot duel of left hands, in the ten round bout at the Milwaukee Auditorium, saw Gene Gresham, 137½, Detroit, receive the votes of Referee, Milt Goldstein and Judges Ray Jackson and Mike D'More to win over Wisconsin's Junior Welterweight champion, Billy Braggs, 138½.

It was the first time in his short pro career that local fans saw Braggs out jabbed. Immobilize a boxer's best weapon and his flash and fire go too.

This was best demonstrated by Johnny Kilbane, who to take advantage of his longer reach, planned a left jabbing battle to dethrone the Great Abe Attell. At the time the featherweight champion was credited with having the fastest left in the world. And later in no decision bouts, Richie Mitchell used the same strategy, with a head slip, to beat Kilbane twice.

The 2164 fans who paid $4700.30 enjoyed the 35 round card arranged by matchmaker Ben Barwick of the Wisconsin Boxing Club.

The balance of the card follows:

SIX ROUNDS

Art Hernandez, 155¾, Omaha, won unanimous decision over Ray Sales, 163, Chicago. Referee Paul Konnor.

Jimmy Christopher, 174, Milwaukee, drew with Sammy Poe, 183½, Detroit. Referee, Konnor.

FIVE ROUNDS

Doug McLeod, 153¼, Grand Rapids, Mich., stopped Jackie Holloway, 152½, Chicago, in 2 minutes 1 second of fourth round. Referee, Konnor.

FOUR ROUNDS

Johnny Bryant, 143¾, Detroit, won split decision over Jodie James, 148, Milwaukee. Referee, Goldstein.

Ferd Hernandez, 158, Omaha, won unanimous decision over C. B. Smith, 155, Milwaukee.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

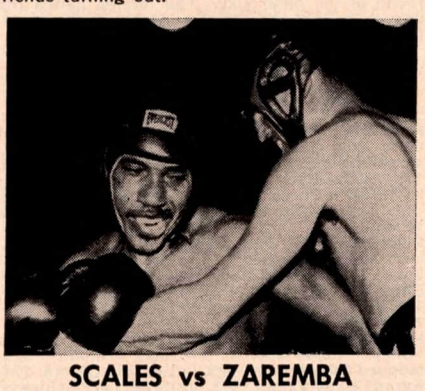
One of the main requirements to be successful among the heavyweight ranks is to be able to punch, and if there is anyway of measuring this potential, then, Michigan heavyweight champion Sonny Banks surely must be near the top. Banks, 199, Detroit, was paired with Leroy Roker, 215, St. Louis, Mo., in the co-feature of Ted Ewald's program at the Greystone Ballroom. Roker, despite his limited experience, was given a good chance at Bank's chin by insiders.

Banks peppered Roker with enough solid punches to drop the average fighter many times. Roker was shaken up badly in the fifth round and after forty seconds of the sixth, referee Lou Handler wisely stopped the contest, awarding Banks a sixth round TKO. The victory was Banks' third straight knockout and his 12th in 17 starts.

In the co-feature, former Canadian heavyweight champion, George Chuvelo, 205, Toronto, returned to action after a 17 month layoff for his new trainer, the veteran Theodore McWhorter and scored a second round TKO over Rico Brooks, 195, Chicago, at 2:11. After a fairly even opening round, Chuvalo landed a solid right hand to the body and Brooks claimed he was struck low. When Brooks refused to continue after warnings from referee Handler, the bout was awarded to Chuvalo.

A couple of undefeated strings were maintained in the preliminaries when both Roley Wilkes and Sonny Placido scored victories in their bouts. Wilkes, 147, Windsor, decisioned Johnny Bridges, 149, Youngstown, in a six, and Placido, 147, Detroit, TKO'D Teddy Grace, 144, Akron, in the second round. Charley Yates, 153, Detroit, got off the canvas to halt George Green, 150, Detroit, in the fifth round of their bout.

The Brewster Center Old Timers' Association held its yearly benefit gathering for underprivileged children at the Elks Auditorium in Detroit, with close to 3,000 boxing personalities and friends turning out.



SCALES vs ZAREMBA

Michigan Boxing Commissioner David Gudelsky, who has made more rule changes in his short tenure as head man than all the past commissioners combined, ordered Eddie Zarembra, of Jackson, and Roy Scales, of Chicago, to wear protective head gear for their ten rounder at Lansing. The head guards, which are worn primarily for sparring sessions, didn't meet with the approval of the fighters or the fans.

Both fighters complained the head guards obscured their vision and they had to position them after each punch. The fans booed, and many complained it was like watching a workout. Zaremba got the decision.

Joe Watts, Lansing welterweight, scored his third straight win over Doug McCloud, of Grand Rapids, a six round decision. Pete Bosanic, of Jackson, decisioned David Mays, of Detroit, in a middleweight four. Jackson heavyweight Al Kirazin, outpointed Dave Krevinik, in four, and Johnny McCloud, Grand Rapids bantamweight, bested Jesse Gates, of Lansing, in four.

A trio of Detroit boxers, Henry Hank, Ted Wright and Gene Gresham, fared well in out-of-town bouts. Hank showed form of old when he disposed of Dick Young at 1:54 of the very first round in their bout at Oakland, California.

Wright scored a ninth round knockout over highly regarded German middleweight Heinz Freytag at Vienna. Gresham had to settle for a ten round decision over lightweight Billy Braggs at Milwaukee.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES . . . Ernie Burford, who is remembered locally as the last guy to defeat Henry Hank here in Detroit, is going great guns since veteran George Sheppard stepped into the picture. He stopped Jesse Smith, Charley Fisher and Aaron Hackett (the latter two the same night), before dropping a duke to Joey Giardello . . . Harvey Cody Jones, durable local heavy returned to the Auto Capital after working with Cassius Clay for his bout with Doug Jones. Although he dropped a close decision in a prelim on the Garden card, Jones made a hit during his workout with Clay in Miami . . . The 1963 Ring Record Book is one of the finest ever marketed. Everyone interested in boxing whether a fan or a participant, can't hardly afford to be without a copy.

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LAGUNA, CARABALLO STILL UNBEATEN

BOXING IN COLOMBIA
By Oscar Vergara R.

▸ **CARTAGENA,** at the Coliseum.

Justo Valdez, Colombia, made his professional debut, against Luis Cárdenes winning the match in six rounds by decision. Both belong to the flyweight division.

German Gastelbondo, Colombia, won by K.O. in the third round over José González, in the lightweight division.

José Acosta, Venezuela, drew with Jesús "Chico" González, from Colombia, eight rounds.

Pedro Vanagas, Colombia, 154, drew with Willie "Huracan" Laws, 150, from the U.S.A., eight rounds. Pedro Vanegas committed several fouls, which kept him from winning the fight.

▸ **BUCARAMANGA.**

Julio Diaz, Colombia, flyweight division, won by decision from "Guido" Hernández, a Colombian also, six rounds.

Oscar González, Colombia, flyweight division, won from ENNIO AVENDANO (a. Kid Avioneta), of Venezuela, by TKO in the first round. Gonzalez made his debut as a professional fighter with this match.

Rafael Luna, Colombia, lightweight, won by decision in eight rounds over Humberto Acevedo, also from Colombia. Acevedo, the losing fighter, made his first appearance as a professional.

BERNARDO CARABALLO, the great Colombia fighter, in the flyweights, won from "Remolino" Martinez of Panamá, in the third round by K.O. Martinez, who is now living in Venezuela, was known before as Baby Colon. Caraballo weighed 117 pounds, while Martinez was 114.5 pounds. The match was held only by Caraballo as Martinez could not stand up to the challenge made to him.

▸ **CARTAGENA**

Justo Valdez, Colombia, the new prospect for the flyweight division, won by decision from Daniel Ortiz in four.

José Acosta, Venezuela, in the lightweight division, won by K.O. in the first round over Carlos "Baby" Vasquez, from Colombia.

Elias Lian, Colombia, won by K.O., in the fourth round, over Willie "Huracan" Laws from the U.S.A.

▸ **CUCUTA**

In an exhibition match, Bernardo Caraballo defeated, in the fourth round, José Godoy, from Colombia, by K.O. As usual there was no competition for Caraballo; who did as he pleased in the ring.

Caraballo weighed 118 pounds, while Godoy weighed 117 pounds.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Edgardo Lopez G.
punching for Juan W. Copeland

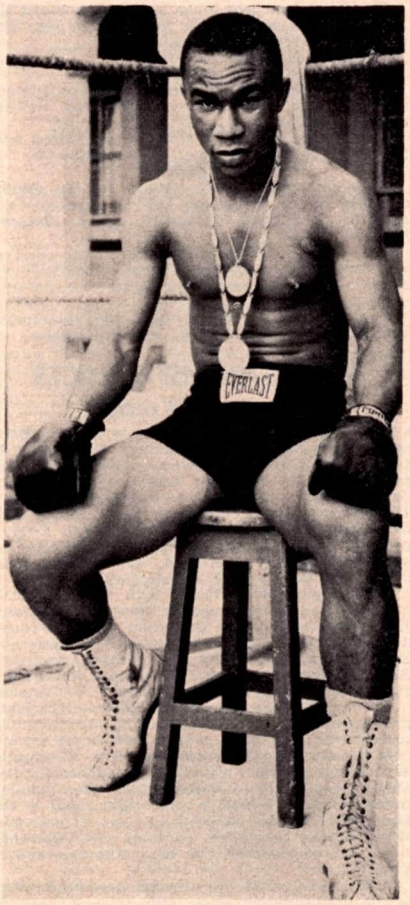
▸ **LA MACARENA BULL RING**—Panama City.—Promoted by Judge Carlos Guevara.

Before a delirious crowd of approximately 8,000 fans from every corner of the country, Ismael Laguna, our bantamweight champion and the most dangerous contender for Eder Jofre's title, used his accurate left jab and wonderful counterpunching better than in any other previous bout to the delight of the huge crowd, to win the unanimous decision in an interesting fight over his experienced rival from Flint, Michigan, Auburn Copeland, ranked by The Ring as the number two man for Gabriel "Flash" Elorde's junior lightweight crown. The speedy colored fighter made a gallant bid to break Laguna's chain of victories trying desperately for a quick knockout, but to no avail; he just could not cope with the Panamanian marvelous boxing skill and determination. Our champion's right hand was injured in the early rounds due to a blow landed with force on Copeland's head, and this definitely hampered him; nevertheless, he made good use of his trigger-fast left jab to keep his foe off balance constantly. At the end of the torrid battle, Copeland was the first to raise Laguna's right arm, accepting the fact that he had clearly lost the international encounter.

The foreigner surprisingly went all down below the feather limit for this one. He weighed only 124½ to Laguna's 125. The local boy won five rounds, lost two, the rest were even-stephen. Gate receipts: $11,000.00 This was Laguna's twenty sixth consecutive triumph, without setbacks. He is only nineteen years old.

SEMI-FINAL TEN. Roberto Truco, 126½, trounced Serafin Garcia, same weight, in ten furious rounds to win the unanimous decision.

PRELIMINARIES: Two 6 round bouts. Carlos Rios, 125½, knocked out Manuel Caicedo, 121, in one minute, 50 seconds of the second round of a sixer, and Luis Patiño, 118, won by a TKO over lanky but brave and willing Francisco Valdes, 116½, in one minute and 20 second of thet fourth round of the other sixer. The referee halted the uneven match when Valdes could no longer defend himself from his foe assaults.



Kingston, Jamaica welterweight Milo Colhoun, was an outstanding amateur and has now entered the professional ranks. He is undefeated in two pro fights and has beaten former Jamaican champion Neville Powell.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amer G.

▸ **MERIDA, YUC**: Ray Avendño, 123, decisioned Baby Boy, 122, in eight. Indio Gerónimo, 127, stopped Kid Pappas, 127, in two. Kid Relampago, 115, TKO'd Baby Luis, 115, in 4. Miguel Zapata, 117, TKO'd Zurdo Gonzalez, 123, in 3. Baby Valdez, 113, TKO'd Espuelas de Oro, 115, in the second.

▸ **MERIDA, YUC:** Baby Gamboa, 121, and Wenceslao "Zurdo" Sanchez, 119, drew in eight. Manuel Sosa, 119, kayoed Baby Albornoz, 118, in four. Chamaco Vazquez, 114, won from Luis Molinares, 115, in six. Ramón Coba, 123, bested Zurdo Gonzalez, 124, in four.

▸ **MERIDA, YUC:** Joe Berzunza, 132, beat Joe "Chino" Celis, 130, in ten. Luis Trujeque, 124, stopped Gil Martinez, 125, in two. Kid Coyote, 114, kayoed Baby Valdez, 113, in three. Luis Caldéròn, 112, halted Baby Basto, 112, in 3. Espuelas de Oro, 115, stopped Kid Santana, 114, in four.

▸ **MERIDA, YUC:** Baby Mendicuti, 113, outboxed Juan Peralta, 113, in eight. Raton Pacheco, 115, and Kid Relampago, 114, drew in six. Chamaco Vazquez, 115, outpointed Kid Tabasco, 122, in 6. Kid Negrito, 115, bested Joe Quintero, 114, in four.

OUT OF TOWN BOUTS

▸ **OAXACA, OAX:** Carlos Navarrete, 116, gained a clear cut points win over Felix Hernandez, 120, in 10 rounds.

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BOXING IN ENSENADA
By Rodolfo Quiroga

▸ **"ARENA AZTECA"** The show was very good: ont the preliminars four rounders, JOSE TRUJILLO (local) decisioned GABINO SEDANO from Tijuana and ROBERTO "Chino" CALDERON made his debut like professional winning a close decision from BOBBY MEDINA, both locals.

On the special at six: RUBEN "Pelon" VALTIERRA won by KO in the 5th from CARLOS CABRERA, the first one local and the other from Mexico City. Flyweights.

The best fight of the show was the semi at eight rounds: RAMON "Rocky Moran" MARCHENA (local) suffered a cut on the left eyebrow in the second but closed strong to win by points from SERGIO OLIVAS of Tijuana, ranking 6th on the feathers of the state.

The main event, at 10 rounds, in the lightweight division, JOSE "Chamel" MORALES won all rounds whipping GABRIEL BRAMBILA from Guadalajara.

BOXING IN PORT OF SPAIN TRINIDAD
By George C. Beckles

▸ Kelvin Scott made a victorious return to Trinidad ring scoring a close unanimous decision over Jose Antonio Burgos, welter and middle weight champion of Venezuela. 156½ lbs. over 10 rds. A Return fight seems in order as the fans goes for Burgos, but Scott style seems to bother Burgos most of the time, but that did not stop Burgos from carrying the fight, Scott weight was 157½ lbs.

The promoter also announced to our boxing fans that Bunny Grant, No. 1 ranking light weight in the world will fight Johnny Depeiza, Trinidad's No. 1 light weight some time this month. With Scott middle weight back in Trinidad and Johnny Depeiza keep winning we here in Trinidad will be heading for big things, it's time Trinidad have gotten some of her good boys in the rating as long as they keep winning against good boys from the U.S.A. and South America.

Other bouts. Hilton Thomas, 158 lbs. decisioned Levi Campbell, 152 lbs., over eight (8) rounds. Kid Bassey, 151½ lbs. scored a fifth round T.K.O. over Bassey Pivot, 152 lbs. Mervyn Walcott, 117 lbs. drew with Elton Hinds, 114 lbs. over six (6) rounds.

THE MEXICAN PROVINCES
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

LA LAGUNA

JUST RECEIVED THE 1963 Edition of Nat Fleischer's marvelous Record Book. This Boxing Encyclopedia is better than ever. It has everything to do with boxers and boxing.

THE DIPP BROS. STAGED FOUR BOXING SHOWS during the month and this is a fine score. This La Laguna Cotton Land is a real seed plot of prizefighters and all the boys will go places if the local promoters go ahead with promotions.

The four shows were staged at Arena "Olimpica" of Gomez Palacio, and the results of same were as follows:

▸ Ramon "Bobby" Cervantes, 136, scored an 8-round knockout over tough Mar Castellanos, 134, Sonora. It was a rough fight as are all of Cervante's. In the 10-round semifinal, Jorge Gonzalez, 125, iced Eusebio "Chebo" Salazar, 123, in the second heat.

Juan Rosales, 133, whipped Pablo Enriquez, 132, after 8 rounds; Manuel Castillo, 117, decisioned Nati Perez, 118, in six; and Ricardo Diaz, 130, defeated Eliseo Estrada, 130, in the 4-round preliminary bout.

▸ Sensational highschool student Luis "Curly" Ramirez, 125, demolished Jesus "Chucho" Saucedo, 125, Mexico City, during four rounds and he kayoed the Mexico City youngster in the fifth.

Rest of the card: Jose Valenzuela, 113, La Laguna Flyweight Champion, kayoed more experienced Agustin "Baby" Lopez, 119, Guadalajara, in the sixth round of the scheduled 10-round semifinal; Armando Villa, 116, former simon pure champ, started as a pro and he kayoed Silverio Lopez, 116, in the very first round; Guillermo "Memo" Luna, 131, stopped Jesus Salazar, 129, in one round; and Chano Flores, 110, decisioned Ruben "Ranchero" Garza, 113, after four rounds.

▸ "Grillo" Duran, 126, Mexico City, resulted too clever and too fast for local man Jorge Gonzalez, 127, who lost the 10-round unanimous decision. Manuel Flores, 115, a real local prospect, whipped Juan Carrillo, 118, Mexico City, in other tenner.

Carmela Cortez, 125, the fancy dancer gypsy, halted "Pelon" Carrillo, 124, in the third heat; and Guillermo "Memo" Luna, 134, outscored Jacinto "Chinto" Hernandez, 133, after four rounds.

▸ A championship match with the welter title was at stake. The throne was vacant since Mario Conde gave up boxing due to an eye lesion. So the Boxing Commission designated Humberto "Beto" Martinez of Gomez Palacio and Rodolfo "Chivo" Diaz of Lerdo City as the logical contenders. The fight was one with Beto commanding the full orchestra. Skinny Gomez Palacio, a welter, has a very authoritative left and used this to win the title after the full 12-round route. The new champion scaled at 144 and "Chivo" Diaz at 145.

In the scheduled 10-round semifinal, Arturo Lomeli, 128, Guadalajara, scored a 2-round knockout over gallant Agustin Salinas, 128. Young Armando Villa, 115, former amateur champion, advanced his pro campaign when he kayoed top boy Hilario Ovalle, 119, in the first round. Jacinto "Chinto" Hernandez, 132, kayoed Juan Diaz, 132, in two heats; and Hilario Vazquez, 135, put to sleep Andres Hernandez, 135, in the third round.

NORTHERN MEXICO

▸ **SALTILLO**—The Capitol City of Coahuila State fans had two boxing shows during the month and both were staged at Arena "Obreros del Progreso". Here you have the results.

"Chico" Jasso, 115, Monterrey musquito, kayoed Bobby Borjan, 117, in only two rounds. Alejandro Torres, 118, Monterrey, whipped "Gallito" Elizondo, 117, in ten.

Jesus "Chuy" Rocha, 114, outpointed Mario Gonzalez, 112, in ten fast rounds. Severo Rivera, 139, kayoed veteran Chino Colonia, 143, in the tenth round.

▸ **MATAMOROS**—Clever frontier little guy Carlos Hernandez, 124, easily outscored brave Moi Torres, 122, Guadalajara, in ten rounds. Carlos, a high ranked bantam during the last year, will go places as a featherweight. Keep an eye on this boy.

▸ **ACUÑA**—Miguel "Mocho" Hernandez, 132, got the ten round duke over veteran Salvador "Chicharitos" Ruiz, 137, a veteran from La Laguna. Ramon Arias, 123, kayoed Pedro Morin, 122, in the very first round.

▸ **MONTERREY**—Enrique Lutteroth, son of Mr. Salvador Lutteroth, boxing tycoon of Mexico City, staged four boxing shows during the month at his beautiful Arena "Coliseo". The results follow:

▸ Ernesto Barrera, 118, former National flyweight king, was held to a 10-round draw by local musquito Arturo Vazquez, 115. Jose "Ruso" Lopez, 128, La Laguna, kayoed Juan Hernandez, 127, in three rounds.

▸ Jose Angel Zamora, 127, defeated gallant "Ardilla" Garcia, 128, Rio Bravo, in ten rounds. Raul Morales, 125, outpointed Pedro Zamora, 122, in the other tenner.

▸ Rugged sailor boy Carlos "Marinero" Celis, 133, whipped Ruben Rivera, 138, in ten rounds. He got the unanimous decision triumph. Enrique Cruz, 135, stopped Severo Rivera, 137, in the second heat.

▸ "Chico" Jasso, 114, local best musquito, outpointed Manuel "Changa" Magallanes, 112, in ten rounds. Santos Sandoval, 132, kayoed Rudy de la Cerda, 133, in the fourth.

There is another boxing promoter in Old Monterrey. He is Mr. Cesar Garza, owner of the local Bullfight Plaza and he presented two shows durthe period with the following results.

▸ Alvaro Gutierrez, 149, National welter champion, got a 10-round draw with seasoned veteran Gaspar "Indio" Ortega, 146. The fans booed the verdict because they believed that Alvaro was the winner. Manuel Alvarez, 143, Argentina, S.A., easily whipped Texan Mel Barker, 145, in ten rounds.

Rene Guajardo, 138, Monterrey prospect, scored a 7-round TKO over Carlos "Calucas" Rios, 137, La Laguna, Hugo Guajardo, 137, Rene's kid brother, kayoed Jose Silva Tinoco, 136, in the fifth round.

▸ Teo Sandoval, 118, held Ernesto Barrera, 117, to a 10-round draw. Jorge Gutierrez, 137, the Colima fighter of my old friend Carlitos Arenas, won by disqualification over Art Hayward, 137, New Orleans, in the sixth round. Efren "Chamaco" Jimenez, 125, kayoed Jose Moreno, 126, in the tenth round.

CENTRAL MEXICO

▸ **QUERETARO**—There were two boxing shows during the month in the Sweet Potato Land. This city has a lot of fans and it will produce a top boxer in the near future.

Battling Kid, 133, Aguascalientes busy man, kayoed Kid Dinamita, 135, in the sixth round. Javier Lopez, 125, bested Jose Macias, 126, Aguascalientes, after eight heats.

▸ Marcos Camacho, 132, Mexico City slugger, kayoed "Venado" Corona, 136, in the fifth round. Heliodoro Gomez, 126, also kayoed Leonardo Castillo, 127, in five.

Alejandro Ortiz, 124, stopped Genaro Ortiz, 124, in the third. Well, it was a real kayo nite and all the married men returned home very early.

▸ **OAXACA**—This historic and colonial old city, capital of the State of the same name, is a real boxing town. There was five shows during the month.

▸ Raul Vega, 117, clever local bantam, upset Jaime "Dumbo" Perez, 116, Mexico City, in ten well fought rounds. Jesus "Chucho" Castillo, 121, put to sleep "Pichon" Contreras, 119, in the tenth and last round of their semifinal match.

▸ Raciel Mendoza, 117, local top boy, kayoed Elias Vargas, 118, in the ninth. Ray Garcia, 128, and "Pantera" Reyes, 129, drew after ten rounds.

▸ Yucatan little southpaw, Carlos Navarrete, 117, scored a ten round unanimous decision over Felix Hernandez, 118. It was a fine fight with both boys at their best.

▸ Mario Diaz, 125, Guadalajara clever boxer, halted Placido Rodriguez, 128, in the eighth round. "Oaxaco" Luna, 125, native boy, of course!, kayoed Luis Ortega, 126, in eight heats.

▸ Pabla "JoJo" Morales, 115, kayoed Pedro Marsical, 117, in only two rounds. Alfonso Cazares, 115, stopped Jose Avalos, 115, in the fifth.

▸ **GUADALAJARA**—Four boxing shows were promoted during the month in this modern city, capital of Jalisco State. And all at Arena "Coliseo", one of the series of the Lutteroth corporation.

▸ Jorge Ceja, 126, the clever local feather, outscored topnotcher Antonio "Toño" Aguirre, 125, Mexico City jeweler boy, in ten rounds. Jorge Rosales, 135, kayoed Ray Reyes, 136, Pachuca, in only four rounds.

▸ Ramon "Texano" Hurtado, 145, Sonora, defeated James "Silky" Shelton, 145, Miami, in ten rounds. Eduardo "Lalo" Moreno, 128, and Alfredo Sanchez, 138, drew in 10-rounds.

▸ Jorge Rosales, 137, and Luis Silva, 135, fought an 8-round no contest. Babe Huerta, 118, kayoed Fernando Tiscareño, 117, in the fifth.

▸ Gildo "Paton" Montoya, 144, scored an 8-round TKO over gallant but torpid Enrique Camarena, 138, Mexico City. Magdaleno "Leno" Villalpando, 130, kayoed Marcelino "Gallito" Ramirez, 133, in the seventh round.

SOUTHERN MEXICO

▸ **TUXTLA GUTIERREZ**—The fans of the capital city of Chiapas State, had three boxing shows during the period, with the following results.

▸ Manny Sanchez, 130, bested Jesus "Chucho" Oliva, 128, in ten rounds. Salvador Ortiz, 120, whipped "Pichi" Martinez, 118, in other tenner.

▸ Alfonso Cazares, 115, kayoed Kid Relampago, 117, in only two heats. "JoJo" Morales, 114, stopped Ben Dominguez, 118, in the sixth round.

▸ Jesus "Chucho" Hernandez, 113, homonymous of the top bantam and flyweight of the same name, put to sleep Enrique Hernandez, 112, in six. Faustino "Choco" Lucero, 135, bested Leoncito Peralta, 132, in ten.

▸ **VILLAHERMOSA**—The Banana City fans had only one show during the month. Battling Garcia, 124, won by disqualification over Antonio "Rubia" Gomez, 120, in the fifth round. A butt was the cause. Fortino Mendez, 118, kayoed Baby Gonzalez, 117, in ten.

THE GULF COAST

▸ **SAN ANDRES TUXTLA**—Two boxing shows were staged during the period in this little town of the Veracruz State.

▸ Roberto "Cucaracho" Landa, 129, local idol, whipped "Yico" Figueroa, 127, in ten rounds. Joe Flores, 132, stopped "Canelo" Lagunes, 136, in two.

▸ Roberto "Cucaracho" Landa, 130, scored a 6-round kayo triumph over Joe Flores, 132. Jaime Roberts, 128, rugged tailor boy, defeated Kid Azabache, 136, in the ten round semifinal.

THE PACIFIC COAST

▸ **ACAPULCO**—The Lutteroth family have another Arena "Coliseo" in this beautiful and picturesque beach of the Guerrero State and they staged five boxing shows during the month.

▸ Teo Sandoval, 120, Monterrey, drew with Juan "Zorrito" Castañon, 119, local champion, after ten sweating rounds. Yaco Kid, 118, Morelia, kayoed "Torito" Navarrete, 117, in only three rounds.

▸ Carlos Moreno, 127, Mexico City rockie, kayoed Jose Elizarraga, 126, in the third round. Arturo Vazquez, 117, stopped "Chetah" Guerrero, 116, also in three.

▸ Lorenzo "Osito" Galvan, 117, Mexico City, put to sleep Nabor "Generalito" Gonzalez, 116, in the fifth round. Florencio Dominguez, 127, iced Chano Herrera, 126, also in the fifth.

▸ Daniel Valdez, 117, Mexico City, arose from the canvas and kayoed Miguel Aguero, 119, in the seventh round. "Sugar" Pino, 116, bested Marcelino Lorenzo, 115, after eight rounds.

▸ James "Silky" Shelton, 144, Miami, easily whipped Arturo Astudillo, 139, in ten unilateral rounds. The defeated one announced his retirement from active boxing.

Joel Garcia, 124, won the decision over Angel Mendoza, 123, in the 8-round semifinal.

▸ **OBREGON**—Roberto "Bobby" Peña, 159, and wild indian Trinidad "Negro" Veloz, 154, drew after ten bloody rounds.

▸ **COLIMA**—The Capital of the State of the same name, the smaller one of all Mexico, had three boxing shows.

▸ "Chilango" Gomez, 118, kayoed "Chatito" Ochoa, 117, in the eighth round. Vicente Garcia, 117, Jalisco, decisioned "Chamaco" Figueroa, 118, in ten heats.

▸ Gregorio "Goyo" Sanchez, 118, enbalmed Babe Palomares, 118, in the fourth round of their scheduled tenner. "Palmerito" Huerta, 118, halted Lorenzo Pimentel, 120, in the sixth.

Juan Lopez, 125, Jalisco, bested "Pollero" Garcia, 127, Acapulco. Juan Montoya, 128, Jalisco, kayoed Haro Hernandez, 126, in four.

▸ **LOS MOCHIS**—Classy southpaw Vicente Saldivar, 126, Mexico City, kayoed Luis "Chamaco" Hernandez, 127, Durango, in two rounds. It was a short but rugged fight.

In the semifinal, Rogelio Fernandez, 126, Durango newcomer, upset topnotcher Efren "Chamaco" Jiminez, 127, Mexico City, after ten rounds.

▸ **CULIACAN** — Enrique "Pulga" Serrano, 129, easily outboxed Pedro Perez "Chihuahua Kid" 133, to get unanimous decision in 10 rounds.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

There were no outstanding fights during March, but the class of most of those staged was good enough to amuse not hard to please fans. All results were as follows:

▸ Torito Mota, 118, stopped Tacuba Hernandez, 118, in 5. Chino Vera, 118, stopped Chamaco Huesca, 117, in 8. Pablo Galena, 119, drew with Gelasio Perez, 119, in 6. Chino Villanueva, 135, decisioned Ismael Delgadillo, 134, in 6. Marcos Mejia, 112, decisioned Filiberto Rios, 112, in 4.

▸ Jose Jimenez, 123, stopped Gallito Gonzalez, 127, in 2. Placido Rodriguez, 128, decisioned Rosendo Martinez, 126, in 8. Gustavo Martinez, 119, decisioned Jose Moya, 119, in 6. Mauro Betancourt, 128, decisioned Simon Peralta, 125, in 6. Raul Martinez, 112, decisioned Tomas Neri, in 4.

▸ Eloy Sanchez, 125, decisioned Tacuba Uribe, 123, in 10. Alfonso Mendoza, 127, stopped Rigo Guadarrama, 134, in 8. Pato Carbajal, 129, decisioned Manuel Lopez, 126, in 6. Juan Molina, 111, stopped Andres Molina, 112, in 3. Antonio Becerra, 136, stopped Juan Frutos, 134, in 3.

▸ Hilario España, 135, stopped Pichon Ramirez, 133, in 6. Chino Castelan, 123, decisioned Raul "Chaparro" Reyes, 126, in 8. Raul Mendoza, 134, decisioned Salvador Castro, 132, in 6. Juan Luna, 126, decisioned Indio Jimenez, 130, in 6. Emiliano Olvera, 118, decisioned Gregorio Cruz, 114, in 4.

▸ Kid Anahuac, (Humberto Martinez), 135, decisioned Cuban Manolo Mora, 134, in 10. Raul Rodriguez, 134, stopped Juventino Rojas, 134, in 5. Samuel Castillo, 117, decisioned Juan Chavez, 119, in 6. Manolo Sanchez, 112, decisioned Mariano Badillo, 113, in 6. Agustin Villada, 134, stopped Leonardo Sanchez, 138, in 2.

▸ Alex Jimenez, 118, decisioned Memo Vega, 118, in 10. Rodolfo Martinez, 147 stopped Luis Pacheco, 143, in 1. Alfonso Lugo, 118, decisioned Joaquin Sanchez, 118, in 6. Juan Gorostieta, 112, decisioned Alfonso Batalla, 112, in 6. Rafael Herrera, 118, decisioned Memo Gonzalez, 117, in 4.

▸ Jose Jimenez, 128, stopped Chilo Barranco, 128, in 8. Francisco Cancio, 135, stopped Manuel Garcia, 135, in 3. Ray Lazo, 135, stopped Francisco Franco, 134, in 5. Mauro Galvan, 134, decisioned Juan Tenorio, 134, in 6. Juan Lopez, 134, stopped Simon Garza, 134, in 2.

▸ Fernando Sotelo, 124, decisioned Jose Reyes, 126, in 10. Pollo Uribe, 111, defeated Ramiro Garcia, 111, by disqualification, in 7. Chino Villanueva, 135, decisioned Frijol Gonzalez, 133, in 6. Joel Osorio, 136, stopped Miguel Nolasco, 132, in 1. Alfredo Cario, 116, decisioned Florentino Arriaga, 111, in 4.

▸ In a poor bout, Cuban Mantequilla Napoles, 135, decisioned national lightweight champion, Baby Vazquez, 134, in 10. Chino Vera, 118, stopped Julio Moreno, 118, in the tenth and last round. Fernando Garcia, 126, decisioned Mauro Betancourt, 126, in 6. Cid Cardenas, 118, decisioned Pablo Galeana, 117, in 6. Jesus Gonzalez, 135, stopped Enrique Juarez, 135, in 2.

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RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

No big fights this month in Australia but there have been some good bouts. There also has been a lot of talk about proposed big fights, with offers being made to Australia's top amateur Tony Madigan to turn professional. The first offer came from Stadium Ltd. for Tony to fight Cassius Clay who twice edged Madigan out of decisions in the amateur ranks, the last time in the Rome Olympics. Clay refused the terms offered.

Then International Boxing Promotions, a new syndicate which has yet to promote its first fight, made Madigan an offer to turn professional to fight Archie Moore, who is willing to come to Australia. Madigan refused to turn.

The biggest name in Australian boxing at the moment is our smallest champion ROCKY GATTELLARI who is to headline International Boxing Promotions' first bill, against an international opponent, the fight to take place late this month.

Stadiums Ltd also wants to use Rocky and made overtures to former world flyweight champion Fighting Harada to come to Australia to meet Rocky at Sydney Stadium. But Harada now is a bantamweight and will not fight Rocky at the flyweight limit. Rocky's manager, Vic Fiorelli, says Rocky is a natural flyweight and he will not allow his boy to give away weight to such a class bantamweight as Harada. But, he said, if Harada makes flyweight, Rocky will fight him. That fight is out. Several other opponents have been mentioned for Gattellari who will be a busy boy if he gets around to meeting all of them.

▸ **Sydney Stadium,** a double bill headlined the program. In the first of the two twelve-rounders, AUB ROBERTS stopped LUIGI EVANGELISTA at the end of the sixth round, owing to Evangelista suffering a cut eye. Roberts was well ahead on points at the end. They are lightweights.

In the second twelve-rounder, featherweights JIMMY PARKER and JOE COHEN tangled for the second time (they recently fought a good draw over eight rounds). Parker won this fight by knocking out Cohen in the seventh round. It was a good fight with Parker a shade ahead on points at the end. Cohen just failed to beat the ten-count.

▸ **Sydney Stadium** opened with a bantamweight bout headlining the bill. Stylish BRUCE PINE outpointed aggressive TONY CAMINITI over 12 rounds. Bruce had plenty of points in hand but not much time! He was very rocky in the last round. Pine looked extremely good until he ran into trouble in the last heat. And even then he showed how to stave off a KO when in trouble.

▸ **Melbourne** Festival Hall, PASQUALE CURCIO outpointed NSW featherweight champion MAX MURPHY, who seems to fight only every pancake day. Max was short of recent fights, with the result his timing was astray. His defence was weak, too, and Curcio won. It was not a spectacular fight.

In a ten-round support, BINDI JACK, former Australian flyweight champion, now a bantam, knocked out RAY REGAN in the sixth round.

One week later, OLLIE TAYLOR, older brother of Australian featherweight champion Wally, received a draw against LES DUNN in a good bout. Taylor seemed to win with his clever boxing. Taylor is just over the bantamweight limit. If he can lose a couple of pounds—and he should he able to—he could take Billy Males' Australian bantamweight crown. He gave away three pounds in weight to Dunn.

In an eight-round support, FOSTER BIBRON stopped ARNIE WINKLEMAN in the fifth round. They are heavyweights.

▸ **Melbourne** Festival Hall, SALVATORE AGRESTA easily outpointed PETER GRECO over 12 rounds. Agresta fights just over the flyweight limit but can easily make 112. Previous to this fight he boxed as "Sammy Lang", but now has decided to stick to his correct name, "Salvatore Agresta". Greco, now using his correct name, fought years ago as "Tony Coppolini". To paraphrase Shakespeare: A punch from either fist hurts as much!

▸ Brisbane lightweight GRAHAM DICKER was unfortunate in his bout with BILLY EBSWORTH at the Brisbane Festival Hall. He suffered a cut eye and the bout was stopped in the third round in Ebsworth's favour. Ebsworth was holding Dicker even at the finish but Dicker, a slow starter, always fights well after a few rounds. A return bout is in order.

▸ **Gympie,** ARTHUR BRADLEY, a former good lightweight, made a comeback—as a featherweight—and comfortably outpointed NORM COWAN over twelve rounds. In a ten-round support, DON McKAY outpointed KEN FORD. Lightweights.

▸ **Brisbane,** where, on March 15, three ten-rounders topped a good night of boxing. KEN FORD stopped KEITH GRIMSKY in the ninth round. ARTHUR CLARKE outpointed NORM COWAN in a good featherweight fight and KEN BARRY narrowly outpointed REG GIERKE in a good lightweight bout.

▸ One week later a double bill was presented, with former amateur champion NOEL KUNDE halting STAN MITCHELL in eight rounds. Kunde, a promising bantamweight, was much too good.

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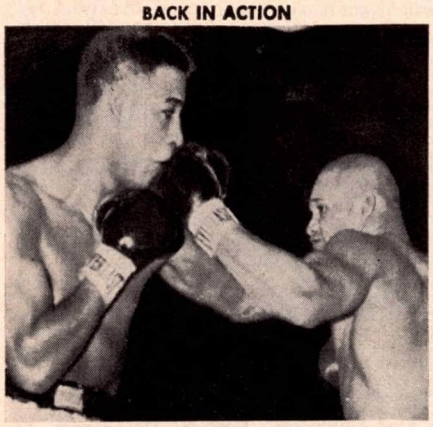

World light heavyweight champion Harold Johnson made his first start of 1963 at Scranton, Pa. where he enjoyed a good workout against Tommy Merrill, of Camden, N. J. Harold (right) stopped Tommy in the ninth round and gave the fans a show of his boxing and punching abilities.

On the other half of the top-liners, lightweight ALAN CARLISLE hit too hard for KEN BARRY, stopping him in the sixth round.

▸ Three tens headlined the bill in Brisbane. Junior welter FRANK ROBERTS outpointed lightweight KEN FORD who gave a game display. NEV BROWN outpunched DAVID SHIELDS over the last few rounds to gain a points decision in a lightweight bout. NORM COWAN was too good for BOBBY WHITE, stopping him in the fifth round.

▸ The only other result this month was a ten-round fight at Myrtleford, in the State of Victoria. CEC RODGERS outpointed JOHNNY HOLT. Lightweights.

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FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

Roberto Cruz, newly crowned junior welterweight champion of the world, was royally received by his countrymen upon his landing on the Philippine soil from Los Angeles. It was a great holiday for the Filipinos specially in the boxing fraternity. He was complimented from the President Macapagal down to the common men. Every one predicted that Roberto can win the title by outpointing the slugging Battling Torres, whose kayo record is sufficient enough to doubt Roberto may not last the limit. The silent and calculating Roberto became a tiger and made a record in a world boxing history. His kayo was officially timed to be 2:06 of the first stanza as Sonny Liston knocking out Patterson for the heavyweight championship last year in Chicago. We have now two world champions, Flash Elorde and Roberto Cruz, who are the living inspirations of the boxing spirited Filipinos.

From the pictures and movie of the fight brought back by the new Champ we learned that he was heavily honored by our countrymen in Los Angeles. The Filipino Community of L.A. and the Manila Fellowship (Tagalog) Ass. We are very much grateful to Mr. George Parnassus for having Roberto in his promotion and also permitting our National Anthem to be sung in the middle of the ring by Mr. Andy Lucas, a Filipino recording artist of Los Angeles. He is giving us an even chance with other foreign fighters. To Mr. Parnassus and staff, I am most grateful.

▸ Johnny Jamito, 118, regained his bantamweight crown after beating Marcel Juban, 117, in 12 rounds title bout at the Rizal Coliseum and promoted by Alejandro Suansing. Jamito almost halted the fight in the 8th when he landed his Sunday punches to the chin and inflicting a right eyebrow cut. The decision of the referee and two judges were unanimous for Jamito.

Curly Aguirre, 120, knocked out Marcing David, 118, in the 5th round of a scheduled 10 rounder. At the start of the bout, David seemed to have a high respect for Curly's right that he tried to evade his rival by backpedalling most of the time. Marcing went to the floor for a no-count in the 3rd, which was the beginning of the end for the former titleholder. Curly chased David around the ring until a left hook found its target to the pit of the stomach ending the night for David.

Tom Rico, 110, outpointed Young Bonnie, 110, in 10. Flash Virgilio, 118, bested Johnny Lozaga, 120, in 6. Eddie Boy, 112 beat Tony Gera, 110, in another 6 rounder. Rene Pantaleon, 112, and Romy Esto, 112, drew in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▸ Carlos "Boy" Agarao, 129, halted Hermelindo Mondragon, 128, of Mexico in the 9th round at the Araneta Coliseum. The Mexican was leading in all rounds until he received a deep cut on the right eye, which forced him to give up. This was the farewell bout for the Mexican and wanted very much to leave the country with a record that will long be remembered in the Philippines but failed. He downed the Filipino in the 5th with a left to the breadbasket but failed to pin him for good.

Rogelio Tulonghari, 126, won over Roberto "Charro" Gomez, 125, in 10 rounds by disqualification. Gomez was downed in the very first round when Rogelio caught him with a left to the jaw. The Mexican retaliated with body blows that weakened the Filipino. In the fatal 10 Gomez was ahead when he accidentally landed below the belt line, causing his disqualification by the referee. The decision was booed by the crowd.

Catalino Arpon, 134, stopped Al Fuentes, 132, in 6. Rudy Billones, 111, and Leo Aquino, 112, drew in 6. Grego Garcia, 124, bested Yang Brazil, 122, in 6. Manny Diolata, 111, beat Eddie Toledo, 118, in 4. Al Aguila, 111, won over Urbina Jr., 110, in 4.

▸ Carl Penalosa, 135, became the lightweight champion of the Philippines by outpointing Pete Acera, 135, in 12 rounds in Cebu City and attended by 10,000 howling fans. Carl staggered Acera in the 6th but failed to land haymaker. The new champion was the master of his rival in all angles of the evening.

Boxing is again booming in Cebu and the revival of the days of Kid Moro, Kid Vicente, and Little Moro from this province. Elorde is from Cebu and so with the Espinosa brothers, Leo and Bonnie.

Flash (Tac) Bulano, 140, stopped Rocky Alarde, 139, in the 5th round of a scheduled 10 round supporting main event. With one eye completely closed and had been downed in the 4th, Rocky refused to answer the bell at the start of the fifth. Naven Kid, 112, bested Baby Hernandez, 112, in 10. Naven had the experience over his young rival.

▸ Veteran Leo Zuluete, 112, is again the flyweight champion of the Philippines after beating Henry Acide in 12 rounds at the Rizal Coliseum. With speed and experience, Leo was the master of the dethroned champion, who failed to locate the elusive veteran. Leo received a deep cut over his left eye caused by accidental butting. The decision was unanimous for the veteran.

Tom Rico, 111, decisioned David Asuncion, 110, in 10. Rush Rogelio, 116, kayoed Kid Frankie, 116, in 4.

BOXING IN JAPAN
By Dale C. Dean

Teruo Kosaka, lightweight champion took a TKO over 5th ranked featherweight Masaki Fujita at the end of the 6th of a scheduled 10 at Korakuen.

▸ Morie Narita scored a split nod over 9th ranked bantam Masakatsu Kuroki in a televised 10 from Korakuen.

▸ **KATSUMATA VS TAKAYAMA**

Anyway you look at it, the bout that had to rate as the **Fight of the Month** was between two veteran pros, both title holders and both with big fan followings: Yukio Katsumata, Orient Jr. lightweight champion, and Kazuo Takayama, Japan featherweight champion. Korakuen's new Gym was 'standing room only' and the predictions favored the much faster Takayama; so it looked in the first three rounds during which the much slower Katsumata circled and tried to find an opening only to run into the quick effective punches of the bobbing, weaving, Takayama.

The end seemed near in the 4th when Katsumata ran into real trouble and was on the canvas twice. The crowd roared for a knockout, and a kayo they got but not the way they expected. When Takayama came in for the kill he ran full-flush-face into a circling powerful right which landed square on his jaw. He hit the canvas and gallantly rose to his feet before the actual count-out but his legs could not respond to his will. It happened so suddenly and it was so convincingly final that it took everyone by surprise but there was Katsumata the victor who had accomplished what Davey Moore had not accomplished in two prior fights with Takayama.

▸ Takeo Suzuki 5th ranked bantam and a veteran in the Japan ring lost a decision to newcomer Yamagami. Although Suzuki lacks a great deal as a smooth boxer, he is a colorful slugger.

▸ Takeshi Nakamura, Japan 4th ranked flyweight, drew with Korean visitor Ki Jae Lim in a televised 10 from Nagoya.

▸ "Fighting" Harada made his debut in the bantamweight class in a 10 with first ranked Japan bantam Tetsuro Kawai. This was Harada's first encounter since losing the world flyweight title to Kingpetch last January and naturally drew a big crowd. They weren't disappointed. Harada floored Kawai for a 3 count in the first round and carried the rest of the fight to a lop sided win.

▸ Sigemasa Kawakami, world 6th ranking Jr. welter, landed a solid right to the chin of Mexican visitor Antonio Coria in 59 seconds of round one, decisively ending a scheduled 10.

▸ Jet Bally, Philippine featherweight champion stopped Ikko Toratani cold in the 3rd of a 10. Toratani is currently 3rd ranking lightweight in Japan.

NEW ORLEANS BOXING
By Ike Morales

The ridiculous cry to kill boxing because of unfortunate deaths of Davey Moore and Benny Paret will no doubt continue for some time. But, from this corner it's hard to visualize how state governments and legislators can really put the ban on a sport which has proven one of the most popular for centuries.

New Orleans fans, as well as thousands and thousands throughout the nation moured the passing of Moore. Local railbirds recalled Davey's long appearance here when the then featherweight contender put the skids under Nat "Killer" Jackson in two rounds.

Constructive criticism is good for the sport, whether it be boxing, baseball, football, basketball—yes, or even ping-pong. And that's why we readily agreed with an article written by Buddy Diliberto, boxing writer for the Times-Picayune, and titled "Ban Boxing . . . And Everything Else".

"The object of the sport is to put the other guy out of commission; to make him inoperative. But to kill him? No!

"The object of football is to advance the ball across the other team's goal. But how many times have you witnessed violence against a star player? How many times do linemen make use of the blind side block to put an opponent on the sidelines? They are not trying to kill the opposing star. But they often are trying to make him inoperative.

"How many times during a horse race have you seen a jockey close the gap along the rail just when an opposing rider is trying to move inside the leader? The jockey is trying to shut the other guy off. If the guy trying to find racing room along the rail suddenly finds himself in a blind alley and the horse bolts into the rail it's unfortunate. No one accuses the rider of trying to kill the rival."

As Diliberto points out, there are six more hazardous sports than boxing. The National Board of Underwriters classifies boxing only seventh in its list of hazardous sports.

"If killing were the object of boxing, it would have been banned long ago. It's not and therefore they'll never legislate successfully against it."

Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia for 1963 is really a knockout. It should be a collector's item for anyone interested in boxing, and a must for all ring commissions, promoters, matchmakers, managers, boxers, trainers and regular dyed-in-the-wool boxing fans.

Just how "Mr. Boxing" and his staff can compile such a book is difficult to say, but one thing I am sure of, it's the best record book on boxing yet published.

New Orleans middleweight Al Villafara won a split decision over Alonzo Harris, Oklahoma, in a 10-rounder held at Beaumont, Tex., recently. Whitey Esneault's veteran southpaw won on two of the officials' cards, but had the cheers of the crowd to confirm the verdict . . . Beaumont promoters are anxious to bring Villafara back for another fight in the near future . . . Ralph Dupas had to postpone his planned trip to Australia when he signed to fight Denny Moyer here on April 29. The Dixie Dandy has found Aussieland a lucky spot, being unbeated in some half-dozen fights there . . . Wayne Thornton, the California knockout scrapper, is a native of Oak Grove, La., although he now resides in Stockton, Calif. . . . The Messina-Geigerman promotional combination here tried to lure the third meeting between Thornton and Willie Pastrano, but Las Vegas promoters beat them to the punch . . . New Orleans would have been the spot for such a fight, and a real box-office draw since both are Louisiana products.

Local boxing fans mourned the death recently of Pat Donahue, Algiers middleweight of a decade or so ago. Pat was quite popular with ring fans because of his punch and stamina, and fans remembered him for his number of sensational fights in local rings.

MARYLAND'S MERRY MAULERS
By Joe Poodles, Sr.

Philadelphia's Dick Turner extended his undefeated string to 20 by winning a ten round unanimous decision over Isaac Logart, of Camaguay, Cuba, at Baltimore's Civic Center. Each scaled 146. Turner looked real sharp with his crisp snappy punches that deposited veteran Logart for a mandatory eight count in the fourth round. Logart in turn had Turner on queer street with a booming hook in the eighth round but before the round ended, Turner was back in command of the fight. It was a hard fought contest. A disappointing crowd of 2,473 fans contributed to a gross gate of $6,743. The card was promoted by the Charles Center Boxing Club, Al Flora did the matching.

Johnny Gilden, 146½, looked real good whipping Jose Myers, 141, Chester, Pa., in eight rounds. The Baltimorean scrapper floored Myers for an eight count in the third round. Both battlers landed outside the ring when Gilden knocked Myers on top of the middle rope with a vicious right and then fell on top of his foe with the result of both tumbling out of the ring.

Baltimore's Jerry Brewer, 134, decisioned Johnny Bean, 129¼, of New York City, in six rounds.

Larry Barrett, Baltimore's veteran middleweight kayoed Freddie Jones, 163, of New York, in the third round of a sixer, Barrett weighed 158.

Pete Buffala, Chester, Pa., fancy dan boxer won a unanimous four round decision over Bob Harmon of Baltimore. Buffala kept a well educated left hand bouncing off Harmon's noggin throughout the four rounds. Both weighed 130.

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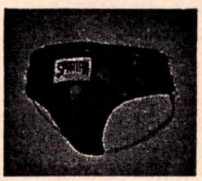

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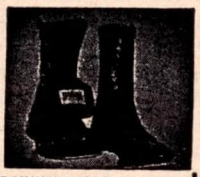

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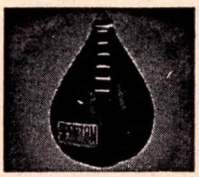

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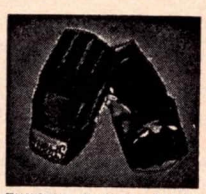

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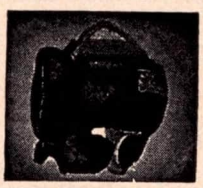

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

By CHARLEY PARRISH

BETHEA KAYO OF DEPICCOLI SHOCK TO ITALY

The tragic death of Davey Moore cast a shadow over boxing in Europe. Several upsets were registered during the month, but in the main, results were as expected. Here are the leading fights.

▸ **Rome**—The 15,000 fans who jammed the Sports Palace to watch Franco De Piccoli chalk up yet another win were badly shaken when their heavyweight idol was belted out in four rounds by Wayne Bethea. The veteran took De Piccoli's hardest shots without flinching. In the fourth, De Piccoli went down from a right to the chin and failed to beat the count.

Ted Wright boxed brilliantly and hit too hard for Bruno Santini, who was stopped in the fifth round with a badly damaged eye whilst the new Junior Middles title was won by Bruno Visintin, who won a dreary twelve-rounder from Fabio Bettini.

Giuseppe Migliari defeated Franco Badalassi in a heavies ten, Giancarlo Casti trimmed Ceccangeli in a feathers six, and Vittorio Saraudi checked Jorge Fiordelmondo in the fourth.

▸ **MADRID, Spain**—Four lightweight bouts were featured at the Fiesta Alegre, with Tony Alonso outscoring Miranda III in the main event, a brilliant eight-rounder. Fast improving Jesus Zarco punched out a win over Ricardo Navarro and Ignacio Romero was held to a draw by Dos Santos.

In the opening bout, Baldomero Arroyo belted out Angel Miranda in the first round with a right to the chin.

▸ **BARCELONA, Spain**—José Luis Biescas won clearly from Angel Rodriguez in a lightweight eight at the Gran Price and on the same card, in two feathers eights, Juan Cardenas boxed excellently to defeat Luis Rodriguez and Nevado trimmed Juan Eslava.

▸ **LE CREUSOT, France**—Bernard Moreau continued his upward trend by outpointing Paul Maolet, the fighting gypsy, in a lightweight ten.

▸ **LYONS**—Bantam belter Jean Parra forced game Tahar Guizani to retire in the seventh round after being on the verge of a kayo in the fifth. Paolo Sciré, Italian welter, stopped Emile Denaes in five and Giancarlo Stelluti checked Moreau in the fourth heat of a lightie slam. André Kasbarian, an Armenian, halted Ray Miletto in three.

▸ **VILLENEUVE, France**—Michel Lamora thumped his way to challenger's post by outfighting Jacques Jacob in a hard bantam ten while Etienne Giminez stopped Alcide Noche in the fourth frame of a flyweight fray.

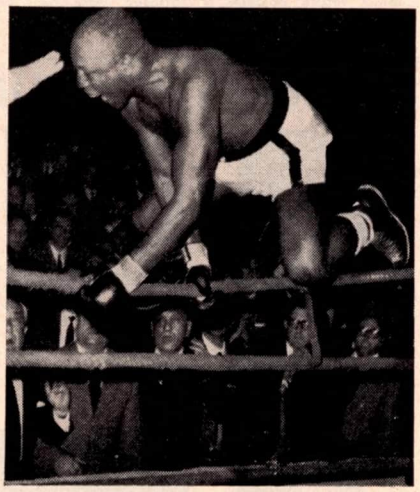
▸ **MADRID, Spain**—Fernando Riera clashed with Alfonso Del Rio for the privilege of challenging champion Sombrita. Riera won after ten hard rounds via a points decision.

Jesus Zarco was again in evidence, knocking out Francisco Segura in the third stanza of their lightie slam whilst Tony Lopez and Luis Rodriguez fought a gory bantam eight which ended honors even.

▸ **TUNIS, North Africa**—Frantically acclaimed by his fans, Omrane Sadok sustained a cut eye even before he entered the ring against Jesse Jones. After a fast and interesting series of exchanges, Jones was dropped in the sixth round, misjudged the count and was declared knocked out.

Simon Bellaiche won from French lightie Gabriel Locatelli over eight rounds.

▸ **BOLOGNA, Italy**—Franco Cavicchi fought his last bout when he clashed with Tommy Fields of America. The California conqueror of Amonti, failed to make much impression on Cavicchi but the latter, apparently disheartened by his own lack of condition, retired in the seventh.



Wayne Bethea, veteran American heavyweight jumps over the ropes in a moment of joy after he had knocked out the undefeated Franco DePiccoli in the fourth round in Rome. The loss was the first suffered by the former Olympic champion since he turned pro. Bethea returned to Rome some weeks later and fought a draw with Giulio Rinaldi.

Alfredo Parmeggiani drew with Franco Nenci in a fast and furious welter eight and Marcello Verziera scored a minor sensation by flattening highly-touted Luciano Lugli in the first round of their middles clash. Cavulli drew with Campanella in a flyweight six.

▸ **MILAN, Italy**—As reported last month, Giordano Campari won from Floyd Robertson, a most unpopular verdict. Robertson was a bundle of fireworks but spoiled the effect by frequent butts, gashing the Italian's right eye in the seventh.

Valerio Nunez, still undefeated in Europe, won handily from tough Luigi Castoldi in another lightweight scrap and Renato Galli repeated a previous by defeating Ferreira of Brazil in a bantam eight. Guerrino Scattolin scored a points win over Carlo Clementi in a brawling cruiser eight and Giuseppe Migliari knocked out the blond Luxemburger, Ray Cillien, with a left to the chin. Pedro Carrasco, another Brazilian, pounded out a hard-fought win against Emilio Riccetti in a welter six.

▸ **BARCELONA, Spain**—Luis Folledo returned to action, drawing a vast crowd to the Gran Price, where he was opposed by the Dutch welter champion, Jan de Vos Folledo, 157, was two pounds heavier than the visitor. He was the more aggressive but failed to nail De Vos with a stinger and won on points.

Francisco Bermudez and José Luis Velasco, each 165, slammed it out for eight rounds with the verdict going to Bermudez. Velasco boxed excellently and gained the press decision. Vicente Tomas Moktar, 158, fought his way to a close decision over Felipe Alayeto from Navarre.

▸ **LAS PALMAS, Spain**—Francisco Carreno fought a draw with Ramon Casal in a bantam eight here and Eusebio (Monsta) Mesa won an unpopular verdict over the Nigerian Koli Mustafa in a bantam ten.

At **MALAGA** Mayayo knocked out Rodriguez in the fourth round of a lightweight scrap.

▸ **PARIS**—At the Central, dusky Antoine Martin won from Germany's Joe Buck in a feathers ten and Daniel Deneux stopped Bruno Fioretti in the third heat of a welter dispute.

▸ **MADRID, Spain**—At the Fiesta Alegre, Sombrita Albornoz won by a clear margin against Jaime Aparici in a lightweight eight whilst the Basque welter prospect, Echarte, halted Canaveras in three.

In another welter scrap, Gonzalez Solano battered Laquidain so badly that the bout was stopped in the fifth.

▸ **BARCELONA, Spain**—At the Gran Price, Vicente Ferrando, 143, outpunched Leopoldo Escuin, 147, after eight rounds, a bout which earned them a medal from the Federation. A medal was also given to Francisco Ferri and Alberto Alsinet, who fought to a draw in their welter clash, Ferri losing his lead by taking a count of "8" during the sixth round. De Paco forced Nevado to retire in the third session of a lightie slam.

▸ **LAS PALMAS, Spain**—Kid Tano, national feathers champ, stopped Francisco Carrena in three, Felix Alonso of Madrid whipped Rodriguez in a bantam eight and Santiago Ballester scored over Palenke II in a feathers eight.

▸ **KIEL, Germany**—Albert Westphal, 200, tried his hardest to fell Uli Ritter, 204, in a hard eight-rounder at the Ostsee Hall, watched by 4500 fans. Ritter went down for "4" in the third round but fought back strongly to wind up a badly marked but still dangerous loser on points.

Kurt Ströer, 184, scored a narrow win against youthful Gerd Englbrecht, 186, over six rounds while Max Resch, still trying to make a sucessful comeback, won on points from Salah Mousri, 161, in six.

Blond Klaus Stockmann, 160, the only local boxer on the card, scored a convincing win over Eugen Musen in six rounds. Reinhold Dampmann, 159, inflicted a defeat on the much deteriorated Horst Borzoskowski via the points route and Harry Kneipp, 175, debuted with a clear win over Ossi Bochow, 168, over four rounds.

▸ **TOULOUSE, France**—René Barriere's long reign as feathers champion came to an end when he was unexpectedly defeated by Young Yves Desmarets over fifteen fast and furious rounds. Desmarte is unbeaten in over a score of bouts.

▸ **PARIS**—Ray Adigun, the Nigerian feather, made very short work of blond Aimé Devisch, stopping the Belgian in a few moments of the opening round and on the same bill, Daniel Brunet was outpointed by Abderramane Faradji in a lightweight ten.

A few days later, at the Central, Claude Canu trounced René Brunet in a middles eight.

▸ **ROTTERDAM, Holland**—Wim Snoek, the Dutch heavies champion, succeeded in outpointing wily Frankie Daniels of America over ten rounds at the Rivierahall.

Klaus Klein, young German welter prospect, sustained a cut eye in the second round of his fight with colored Waldo Dors but in the next round banged his opponent out with a hook to the chin.

Harko Kokmeyer settled a matter of precedence by outpointing fellow countryman Toon Schuurmans in a middles ten.

▸ **LEIGE, Belgium** — Antonio Martin, much improved since his tour to Australia, upset the plans of Pierre Cossemyns by forcing the Belgian to retire in the seventh round at the Sports Palace. Cossemyns was all set for a shot at the European title.

Emile Saerens found the stocky French veteran, Jean Ruellet, a tough nut to crack and had to be content with a draw after ten rounds whilst in two welter scraps, Georges Fabbri beat Jack Sylvain and Jack Saglione trounced Jerry Colman.

▸ **LINKOEPING, Sweden**—A full house again of 4,000 for promoter Ahlqvist, with Lennart Risberg topping the bill against Gilles Dieudé, a fairly strong French cruiser. Dieudé was knocked out in the eighth round.

The latest Svenska to challenge for European honors, Bo Hoegberg, also found himself in difficulty trying to nail the astute Dutch colonial, Tiger Sno, but finally sent him down for the count in

the third round.

Risto Luukkonen, 119, the busy Finn, had to give everything to score a narrow points win over Sugar Ray in a return bout whilst Werner Wasen decisioned Joe Buck of Germany in a lightweight six.

ABIDJAN, West Africa—Jerome Adje upset the formbook by pounding out a points win over the hard-hitting Corsican, Armand Vannucci, in a middles ten.

VARESE, Italy—In a fast and interesting twelve-rounder, Federico Scarponi retained his bantam title by holding Primo Zamparini to a draw. Luciano Piazza made a grandstand finish to nab the verdict from Giuseppe Daniele in a welter eight and Blondi trimmed Baroni in a lightie six.

MILAN, Italy — The poor quality of imported Americans brought roars of protest from the fans at the Sports Palace. Cruiser Chuck Garrett lasted the distance against Piero Del Papa but only by dint of frantic back-peddiing while Rocky Randell was knocked cold in the opening round of his middles clash with Sandro Mazzinghi, who was eight pounds the heavier.

Equally swift was the fate of Tommy O'Connor, belted out inside two minutes by a left hook from Sandro Lopopulo. Best bout was provided by Gian Casti and Angelo Canclini, a bitterly-fought lightie slam won, contrary to general opinion, by Casti. European fans are het-up over the exceptionally poor boxers being sent to the Continent. They want it stopped.

OLDENBURG, Germany—At the Weser-Ems Hall, 3,000 attended the Fritz Wiene promotion featuring Heini Meinhardt in the main spot against Nick Maric of Yugoslavia. Meinharde, 161, succeeded in outscoring the rugged Slav, 167, despite a gashed forehead from a collision in the fifth round.

In fine form was Manfred Hass, 160, who floored Hans Waschlewski, 159, on two occasions to win by a large points margin. Rudi Nehring, 170, scored a close win against Klaus Langhammer in a hard six-rounder and Harry Kneipp, 181, won his second bout by trimming Gerd Englbrecht over four rounds.

Hanspeter Schulz, 137, was clearly beaten by an Italian, Piero Vincenzo, 136, over four rounds and Klaus-Peter Tombers, 151, stopped Reinhard Richter in the opening round.

ESSLINGEN, Germany — Promoter Hesselschwerdt got 1600 spectators to his fistic fiesta here, with Harry Kurschat in the chief bout. Kurschat had little trouble in thumping Stefan Palfy, inactive some two years, into retiring during the fourth frame of a welter bout.

Klaus Klein dropped Lessmann twice in the fourth to win their lightie six on points. Austrians provided opponents for the remaining bouts, Arthur Zemla stopped Wolfgang Fritsche in the fifth and in another welter fray, Teddy Schall belted out Erich Hackl in three. Joe Wynt was taken the distance by Wolfgang Halbritter in a middles six.

DONAUWOERTH, Germany—A full house of 3,500 crowned Sandu Petrescu's debut as a promoter, no doubt due to the appearance of popular Klaus Jaeger. The feathers champion was eight pounds lighter than José Maria Manrique, 135, but managed to outpunch the strong Spaniard over eight rounds fought at relentless pace.

Karl Furcht, 134, forced Issa Bachir of Jordan to retire in the second round after dropping him twice and ancient Bobby Warmbrunn, 194, gave plenty of trouble to Herbert Mesinger, 196, before losing on points in six rounds.

Horst Appel, 206, had to retire in the second round of his winning fight against Suehrig, due to a broken thumb. Schoelch, 154, stopped Radis in two.

CALAIS, France—The former bantam champion, Elysée Castre, returned to action as a feather, winning from Jean Leroux over ten rounds whilst Jacques Jacob bested Jean-Claude Pichard in a bantam ten.

ST. QUENTIN, France—Paul Roux had no bother in retaining his cruiser title when he outpointed Georges Torrecillas, the erratic Marseilles fighter, over twelve rounds.

TARBES—Roux's old rival, Germinal Ballarin, returned to the scene and although his opponent, valiant Francisco Bermudez of Spain, almost belted him out of the ring in the opening round, Ballarin won clearly after ten rounds.

ROME—At the Sports Palace, Franco De Piccoli, 215, bulldozed his way to another rapid conquest when he blasted out Tony Hughes, 207, in two rounds. The American, a protege of Rocky Marciano, fought valiantly but succumbed under a hail of punches when he was trapped in a corner.

Bruno Fortilli having retired, Nino Benvenuti and Tommaso Truppi, two noted hitters, collided to decide ownership of the middles crown. Truppi put up a terrific fight but a right to the jaw laid him out for more than five minutes after a slamming bee in the eleventh round.

In the semi-finals of a heavies tourney, Adriano Amati was ruled out in round seven against Franco Badalassi for repeatedly avoiding all fistic exchanges but this lack of action was amended by Giuseppe Migliari and Plinio Scarabellin. These two kept tearing into each other until a sudden clash of heads cut Scarabellin's over the eye and he was ordered to his corner, before the first round was over.

Domenico Tiberia won from Osvaldo Asumpcao of Brazil and Franco Bianchini, although nearly kayoed in the second round, won a doubtful points victory over Giuseppe Baiata, both in welter eights.

Vittorio Saraudi, brother of the famous amateur, debuted by stopping Vittorio Gobbo in the third frame a cruiser bout and another freshman, bantam Tommaso Galli, cashed in with a win over Vittorio Palmiotto in six rounds.

MILAN, Italy—As reported last month, Lino Mastellaro won without much trouble over the rather static Ghanaian, Junior Cassidy, and Michele Gullotti gained a most unpopular draw against Ebe Mensah, also of Ghana.

Manfred Hass of Germany took quite a lacing from the Tuscan Tank, Bruno Santini, was floored in fifth but saved by the gong and retired in the following round after taking another count. Piero Brandi didn't make much impression in his debut here, though he won handily from Vito Della Foglie in a lightie eight. Sergio Boselli stopped Vantaggioli in the third frame of a welter bout.

PESARO, Italy—Giuseppe Linzalone won every round in his bantam eight with José Dos Santos of Brazil whilst Geppino Gentiletti was upset in a middles eight by tough Tullio Marcotti. Enzo Rozzi outfought the Brazilian novice, G. B. Campione, in a welter six.

FLORENCE, Italy—Sandro Mazzinghi knocked out Jo N'Gan, negro from the Cameroon, in the fourth canto with a hook to the liver and Giancarlo Casti whipped balding veteran Sergio Milan in a feathers eight.

BILBAO, Spain—José Luis Torcida won from Elias Vazquez in a lightweight eight, and Eduardo Romaniega checked Echarte in the sixth round of a welter clash.

LAS PALMAS—Kimbo Calderin trimmed Santiago Ballester in a feathers eight.

MALAGA—Local bantam star Angel Heredia won from José Bisbal in eight.

PARIS—At the Sports Palace Francois Pavilla had his first bout against a class fighter when he clashed with Charlie Scott of America. The Philadephian displayed no brotherly love for his opponent, matching his strength and experience against Pavilla's speed and precision. Pavilla won by a close margin but took quite a belting in doing so.

Ray Adigun of Nigeria knocked out the Mexican feather, Rual "Chato" Soriano, in eight rounds and Jo Giocanti, the latest feathers hope from Marseilles, chilled Angel Rodriguez of Spain in the opening stanza.

GHENT, Belgium—Dutchman Harko Kokmeyer proved too adroit for aggressive Willy Carmelliet in a hard middles ten won by Kokmeyer. Claude Canu of France was considered lucky to get the verdict over Bob Stevens in another middles ten and Henny van Berkum of Holland had no trouble in trouncing the Tunisian middle, Bruno Spataro, over eight rounds.

BARCELONA, Spain—The local promoters put on a repeat of their very successful show of last October, presenting three title-bouts on the same program. Most significant was the revenge of Andres Navarro Moreno, who regained the welter title from the tough Canary Islander, Carmelo Barcia, which will no doubt lead to a further match.

José Luis Biescas likewise recaptured his old title, the feathers crown, from deaf-mute Kid Tano. Both points decisions. Mimun ben Ali had little bother in repelling the onslaughts of Rafael Fernandez in defense of his bantam diadem to win over twelve rounds.

BARCELONA, Spain—At the Gran Price, Juan Cardenas continued with a points win over the young feathers prospect, Luis Aisa, over eight rounds.

MADRID, Spain—The much-awaited battle of punchers, between Luis Folledo and the Peruvian Dante Pelaze, failed to satisfy the vast audience at the Sports Palace. The South American fought strongly in the opening round, forcing Folledo to retreat but took a count in the second. The third and fourth were even, Pelaez was dropped in the sixth and Folledo then coasted to a points win.

The lightweight title bout between Sombrita Albornoz and challenger Fernando Riera also failed to please the spectators, Sombrita winning a drab affair on points. Only lack of a decisive punch prevented Mariano Echevarria from knocking out game Jean Huiban of France in a heavyweight ten and newcomer José Arranz outboxed Manolin Alvarez in a brilliant flyweight eight.

ANCONA, Italy—Massimo Consolati gained a narrow points win over rugged Mirko Rossi in a welter eight here whilst Tristano Tartarini won easily from Vincenzo Marfero in a welter six.

In **ROME** Romano Bianchi made a successful debut at the Oriente Theater, beating Loris Gattai in a welter six and in a heavyweight six, Adriano Amati bested Dino Biato.

RAVENNA, Italy—The local welter prospect, Raccagni, stopped G. B. Campione of Brazil in three rounds and Giannandrea drew with Asioli in a lightweight six.

PIACENZA—Hector Oliva of Argentina stopped gallant Gennatiempo in the eighth round of a furious lightweight melee and Bruno Orsi outscored the French welter De Goya over six rounds.

ZURICH, Switzerland—Paul Chervet, the only active professional in his country, won in fine style from Gaetano Sallemi of Italy in a bantam six.

MADRID, Spain—At the Fiesta Alegre, Ricardo Navarro engaged in a regular slamming session with Bernardo Lozano to win their lightie eight on points whilst Tony Lopez scraped through with a decision over Ramon Casal after a hectic bantam tussle. Tony Alonso drew with Ignacio Romero in a lightweight six.

LYONS, France—At the Villeurbane Sports Palace, Pierre Vetroff had less trouble than expected in retaining his bantam title against Michel Atlan.

Jean Parra flattened Giuseppe Bruni, Italian bantam, in the opening stanza, Marcel Fabre whipped Roger Keromnes in a middles eight and André Kasbarian knocked out Louis Hameau in the second heat of another middles slam.

NANTES, France—Souleymane Diallo allowed himself a few liberties in stopping tough Willie Fisher. The Scot was decked in the second round and boxed on the defensive. In the sixth round Diallo butted Fisher's forehead open and his opponent was obliged to retire at the start of the seventh. Jean Jouan drew with Georges Sablier in a welter eight.

DIEPPE, France—Henri Ferjules drew over eight rounds with Joseph Syoz in a heavyweight match,

ANGERS—Local bantam Maxime Cochin won from Bernard Jubert over ten rounds.

BARCELONA, Spain—Juan Cardenas, undefeated in his comeback attempt, disposed of Ben Laiache, who retired in the fifth round of their feathers bout at the Gran Price. De Paco, new lightweight prospect, nodded Vitor Alves of Portugal over eight rounds.

BILBAO—Busy Victor Carrascosa defeated Ramon Casal in a bantam eight.

PIOMBINO, Italy—Ottavio Carallini, local feather was soundly beaten by the Brazilian, Ferreira, over eight rounds but Pietro Ziino evened the score by gaining a solid win over Heitor Barbossa in a lightie eight.

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(UP TO APRIL 20, 1963)

HEAVIES	MIDDLES	LIGHTWEIGHTS	BANTAMS
1. Ingemar Johansson (SW)	1. Laszlo Papp (HY)	1. Aissa Hashas (F)	1. Piero Rollo (I)
2. Karl Mildenberger (G)	2. Luis Folledo (S)	2. Giordano Campari (I)	2. Alphonse Halimi (F)
3. Franco De Piccoli (I)	3. Nino Benvenuti (I)	3. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	3. Federico Scarponi (I)
4. Wim Shoek (H)	4. Sandro Mazzinghi (SI)	4. Fernand Nollet (F)	4. Giuseppe Linzalone (I)
5. Gerhard Zech (G)	5. Hippolyte Annex (F)	5. Conny Rudhof (G)	5. Risto Luukkonen (FN)
6. Sante Amonti (I)	6. Souleymane Diallo (F)	6. Sandro Lopopulo (I)	6. Pierre Vetroff (F)
7. Albert Westphal (G)	7. Bo Hoegberg (SW)	7. Michele Gullotti (I)	7. Primo Zamparini (I)
8. Robert Duquesne (F)	8. Peter Mueller (G)	8. Franco Brondi (I)	8. Jean Guèrard (F)
9. Mariano Echevarria (S)	9. Bruno Santini (I)	9. Olli Maeki (FN)	9. Jean Parri (F)
10. Federico Frisco (I)	10. Bruno Visintin (I)	10. Mario Oberti (I)	10. Michel Lamora (F)

LIGHTHEAVIES	WELTERS	FEATHERS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Erich Schoeppner (G)	1. Fortunato Manca (I)	1. Willi Quatuor (G)	1. Salvatore Burruni (I)
2. Giulio Rinaldi (I)	2. Chris Christensen (D)	2. Lino Mastellaro (I)	2. Mimun Ben Ali (S)
3. Gustav Scholz (G)	3. Franco Nanci (I)	3. Gracieux Lamperti (F)	3. René Libéer (F)
4. Pekka Kokkonen (FN)	4. Claude Saluden (F)	4. Mario Sitri (I)	4. Pierre Rossi (F)
5. Lennart Risberg (SW)	5. Jean Josselin (F)	5. Antoine Martin (F)	5. Jean Claude Leroy (F)
6. Paul Roux (F)	6. Fernando Proietti (I)	6. Pierre Cossemyns (B)	6. Raton Osuna (S)
7. Piero Del Papa (I)	7. Mauri Backman (FN)	7. Renato Galli (I)	7. Tony Lopez (S)
8. Michel Vinot (F)	8. Maurice Auzel (F)	8. Jean Renard (B)	8. José Arranz (S)
9. Yvan Prebeg (Y)	9. Jean Rolland (F)	9. Yves Desmarets (F)	9. Giuseppe Cali (I)
10. Peter Gumpert (G)	10. Sauveur Chiocca (I)	10. René Barriere (F)	10. Gerhard Berkhout (H)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden; Y Yugoslavia.

THE BRITISH ISLES

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Cooper Defeats Richardson

EMPIRE POOL, WEMBLEY . . . Henry Cooper, Bellingham, 188, kept his British & Empire Heavyweight Title when he knocked out Dick Richardson, Newport, 207, in 2-48 of the fifth. In 1958 at Porthcawl, aften being decked in the fifth by Richardson, Cooper got off the canvas to plant his favorite left hook on the chin of Richardson and the bout was over. On this occasion, almost the same thing happened, but let's go into this from the start:

As they met in the center of the ring, there was a tense feeling between both contestants.

"Bring on Johansson", British and Empire champion Henry Cooper said following his knockout triumph over Welshman Dick Richardson that sent Richardson into retirement. The victory earned for Cooper a June fight with Cassius Clay in London.

Coming out for the second round, Richardson began to rough it up. The better boxing of the Champion held him in check, although at times Richardson took him out of his stride.

The third saw a similar pattern and the fans started a slow handclap. Soon a two handed rally by both with Cooper getting his left hook to work, had Richardson bleeding from the nose.

Excitement ran high at the bell as Cooper struck lightly to Richardson's body, and the latter retaliated with a flurry to Cooper's head. Seconds from both sides jumped into the ring to part them from what might have developed into a riotous scene.

On coming out for the fourth, referee Smythe called them together and said that if it happened again he would throw both out.

From then on the crowd enjoyed the "needle" element that had grown up as Cooper, avoiding the rushes of the Welshman, punished him with left hooks to the head and body whilst they were in a clinch.

The fifth saw some hectic exchanges with Cooper now showing his superiority over the Welshman. Cooper delivered two good left hooks to his jaw and his rival crumbled to the canvas as if pole-axed. The game Welshman tried to raise himself off the canvas, but to no avail. Cooper still holds The Crown with a match in view with Johansson for the European crown.

Billy Walker, West Ham, 193, knocked out Joe Di Grazio, Philadelphia, 198, in the third, but he had many anxious moments before he was declared the winner. At boxing Walker was well out of distance and missed his swings when he was rattled.

A right to the body looking near the danger line doubled up the American and Walker finished the contest with a left hook to the jaw sprawling him in the canvas with arms outstretched to be counted out by referee Harry Gibbs in the third round. Frankie Taylor, Lancaster, 125¾, scored another points win over the tough Irishman, Peter Lavery of Belfast, 125, but he did not show the same form that gave him his previous points win. His points victory was never in doubt at the end of eight rounds. But he takes too many punches and will have to improve in his defence to gain the top honors. Taylor certainly puts a lot of action in his work, but the lack of punching power is missing.

Sammy McSpadden, Fulham based Scot, 138, did not have much trouble in stopping Jean Dantas, France, 138, in the fifth. Referee Harry Gibbs intervened to save The Frenchman from further punishment. Terry Crimmins, Cardiff, 125¼, stopped Freddie Dobson, Manchester, 128, when the latter retired at the end of the seventh after being helped to his corner at the bell from a knockdown when the count had gone to "six".

Derek Richards, Coventry, 170, knocked out Melvin Wiles, Kings Lynn, 178, in the third. Harry Wheeler, East Ham, 148, outpointed "Southpaw" Dai Gardner, Bargoed, 154, in four.

▸ **NANTES, FRANCE** . . . Willie Fisher, Craigneuk, retired in the sixth of his bout with Frenchman Souleymane Diallo.

▸ **WEST HAM** . . . After boxing two draws, Hoxton Lightweight, Vic Andreetti, made it third time lucky when he gained a clear points win over Terry Edwards, Birmingham, in eight . . . The Brum was forced to take a count of "eight" in the fifth.

Billy Davis, Bow, forced Johnny Kidd, Aberdeen, to retire at the end of the fourth of a lightweight bout. Al Roye, Jamaica, stopped Edwin Milner, Grimsby, in the third of a heavyweight bout.

Colin Woodman, Battersea, knocked out Tony Ross, Hammersmith, in the second. Brian Ellaby, Manchester, outpointed Bob Roberts, Ghana, in eight of a middleweight contest. Johnny Dolphin, High Wycombe, outpointed Ron Richardson, Canning Town, in a welterweight six.

▸ **Dagenham** . . . Johnny Caiger, Dagenham, 161, started his professional career with a win over Laurie Homer, Croydon, 160½, when the referee intervened in the second round. Homer was in no condition to defend himself after a long count. Harry Wheeler, East Ham, 149½, gained a narrow points win over Johnny Dolphin, High Wycombe, 146½, in six. Tommy Rix, Barking, 135, outpointed Ron Rowley, Pontypridd, 134½, in six.

Al McCarthy, Romford, 132, and Joey Burns, Lewisham, 132½, fought a draw in six . . . Dave Arnold, Romford, 156½, stopped Terry Beeston, Molesley, 151, in the second . . . Bobby Fiddes, Ireland, 131½, outpointed Ray Thompson, Dagenham, 131, in eight (Twos).

▸ **Glasgow** . . . Nat Jacobs, Manchester, 147¼, was a clear winner over Jimmy Gibson, Fife, 148, in eight. John McDermott, Glasgow, 127¼, won on points over Neil Hawcroft, Manchester, 129¼, in six. Norrie MaCulloch, Kilmarnock, 146, outpointed Derek Cowper, Johnstone, 148, in six.

John O'Brien, Glasgow, 127, stopped Con Mount Bassie, Jamaica, 127½, in the fifth . . . Al Keen, Hamilton, 135, stopped Ricky Keirnan, Goatbridge, 138, in the fourth.

▸ **MARYLEBONE** . . . We were given a fine ex-

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(UP TO APRIL 21, 1963)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)	1. Chic Calderwood (S)	1. Dick Tiger (N)	1. Brian Curvis (W)
2. Dick Richardson (W)	2. Johnny Halifihi (TO)	2. Yama Bahama (B)	2. Sid Prior (A)
3. Robert Cleroux (C)	3. Ron Redrup (E)	3. Terry Downes (E)	3. Tony Smith (E)
5. Joe Erskine (W)	4. Bob Nicholson (E)	4. George Aldridge (E)	4. Jimmy McGrail (E)
5. Brian London (E)	5. Kimpo Amarfio (G)	5. Mick Leahy (E)	5. Johnny Cooke (E)
6. Jim Cooper (E)	6. Stan Cullis (E)	6. Gomeo Brennan (B)	6. Gary Cowburn (A)
7. George Chuvalo (C)	7. Clive Stewart (A)	7. Wally Swift (E)	7. Peter Schmidt (C)
8. Leweni Waqa (Fi)	8. Earl Nikora (NZ)	8. Blair Richardson (C)	8. Johnny Kramer (E)
9. Joe Bygraves (J)	9. Johnny Ould (E)	9. Wilf Greaves (C)	9. Jimmy Gibson (S)
10. Johnny Prescott (E)	10. Jack Bodell (E)	10. Willie Fisher (S)	10. Billy Tarrant (E)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Bunny Grant (J)	1. Joe (Rafiu) King (N)	1. Freddie Gilroy (I)	1. Jackie Brown (S)
2. Dave Charnley (E)	2. Howard Winstone (W)	2. Johnny Caldwell (I)	2. Walter McGowan (S)
3. Maurice Cullen (E)	3. Johnny Morrisey (S)	3. Brian Cartwright (E)	3. Rocky Gattelari (A)
4. Sammy McSpadden (S)	4. Floyd Robertson (G)	4. Don Weller (E)	4. Obizu Ozbilaso (N)
5. Vic Andreetti (E)	5. Kimpo Amarfio (G)	5. Brian Bissmire (E)	5. Alex O'Neil (I)
6. Love Allotey (G)	6. Billy Calvert (E)	6. Billy Males (A)	6. Danny Lee (S)
7. Aldo Pravisini (A)	7. Bobby Fisher (S)	7. Terry Crimmins (W)	7. Bob Allotey (G)
8. Billy Davis (E)	8. Phil Lundgren (E)	8. Alex Ambrose (S)	8. Jackie Bruce (A)
9. Dave Coventry (E)	9. Dennis Adjie (G)	9. Dai Corp (W)	9. Eddie Elston (A)
10. Percy Hayles (S)	10. Wally Taylor (A)	10. Mick Hussey (E)	10. Jack Treshman (A)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guinea; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (BH) British Honduras.

ample of STUDIO BOXING, when Promoter Ronnie Ezra, staged the Terry Downes-Jimmy Beecham contest in The Baths Hall which holds around 2,000, but on T-V, there must have been a viewing audience of 10,000,000 . . . Downes at 163¾, had a weight advantage of 8 pounds over the American from Philadelphia. The usual "Crashing-Dashing-Smashing" Terry Downes was missing on this night. Downes pawed his way with a left and used combination punches against the bobbing, weaving American . . . Downes won almost every round but suffered a cut eye and cut on the bridge of his nose, when referee Tommy Little stopped the bout in the ninth, viewers and the ringside fans were surprised for Beecham did not seem to be distressed.

Jimmy McGrail, Liverpool, 147, knocked out "Southpaw" Colin Humphreys, Porthcawl, 148, in the sixth after trailing on points. Steve Parsons, Northold, 123½, outpointed Frank Meaney, Fulham, 123½, in six . . . Harry Pickard, Battersea, 128¾, knocked out Billy Skelly, Belfast, 128½, in 1-10 of the first . . .

Peter McLaren, Walworth, 147½, repeated his previous points win over Billy Tarrant, Bermondsey, 147¾, in a sparkling eight. Bob Nicholson, Farnborough, 172½, gained a hard earned points win over Alex Buxton, Watford, 178¾, in eight...

▸ **DEVENPORT** . . . Neville Rowe, The Blackpool based Australian, 179½, outpointed Rupert Bentley, Jamaica, 179, in a hard fought eight. Tommy Hayes, Bristol, 159, outpointed Dudley Garwood, Bournemouth, 160½, in six . . .

▸ **Solihull** . . . Jack Bodell, Swadlincote, Midland Area Cruiserweight Champion, 185, had no difficulty in disposing of Jamaican Rupert Bentley, 181½, by the knock out route in the third. A left from "Southpaw" Bodell to the body of Bentley ended the latter's interest in the bout. Tommy Baldwin, Gateshead, 159, outpointed Roy Thomas, Nigeria, 160, in six . . . Eric Frearon, Jamaica, 194, stopped Ken Coleman, Northampton, 187, in the second. Young Gabriel, Belfast, 150, outpointed Wally Williams, Croydon, 151¼, in six.

Terry Beeston, 150, outpointed Eddie Grant, Grimsby, 151, in six . . . Johnny Williams, Grimsby, 151¼, outpointed Teddy Gardner, Croydon, 151, in six . . .

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of two of my good friends in Boxing . . . Joe Goodwin of Spitalfields, one of the best featherweights before World War II . . . and a great favorite at "Wonderland" who was about 82 years old, and the Former British & Empire Bantamweight Champion, Johnny King of Manchester . . . His title Match with Panama Al Brown, is still talked about by those who saw that thrilling contest. Johnny served in The III fated "Prince Of Wales" when she was sunk by The Japanese in World War II . . . and was taken prisoner . . . He was 50 years of age . . .MAY THE EARTH LAY LIGHTLY UPON YOU . . . Rest In Peace . . .

▸ **NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB. London** . . . Not one of the scheduled bouts went the full distance. Johnny Kramer, West Ham, 148½, won over Al Sharpe, Belfast, 145½, when the referee intervened in the fourth . . . Ricky Porter, Shepherds Bush, 138, stopped Sammy Rex George, Nigeria, 136, in the third, again the referee intervened.

Carl Taylor, Richmond, 120, defeated Eddie France, Hendon, 117, when the referee called a halt in the fifth . . . Con Mount Bassie, Jamaica, 128, won over Brian Smith, Porthcawl, 126½, when the referee stopped the bout in the second . . . A badly cut eye caused the referee to intervene in Bassie's favor . . .

▸ **Walworth** . . . Jack Bodell, Swadlincote, 185, outpointed Dave Ould, Bermondsey, 188, in eight . . . Jack Grant, Chesterfield, 172, knocked out Floyd Moseley, Ghana, 175, in the second. Jim Lloyd, Liverpool, 154¾, knocked out Harry Wheeler, East Ham, 149, in the first.

Steve Hiser, Deptford, 146, outpointed Peter Morgan, Stepney, 151, in six . . . Eric Young, Walworth, 149½, outpointed Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 152½, in six . . . Mickey Marsh, Rayleigh, 123, and Ray Thompson, Dagenham, 130, drew in six . . .

▸ **BIRMINGHAM** . . . Whatever hopes Johnny Prescott, the un-defeated Birmingham Heavyweight 192, had of challenging for The British title, came to a full stop for the time being. Jim Cooper, Bellingham, 201, was the cause. He stopped Johnny in 1.04 of the second round, with a short right . . . It was with extreme gameness that he arose at "nine", but he was a sitting target for Jim Cooper, twin brother of Champion Henry Cooper to apply the coupe de grace. Referee Mickey Fox stepped in as Prescott was about to fall for the second time and called a halt. This was his first defeat in 23 bouts.

Brian Cartwright, Birmingham, 118, knocked out Billy Williams, Cannock, 117¼, in the ninth, for the Midland Area Bantamweight Title . . . Brian Jones, Nottingham, 139½, defeated Teddy Best, Cardiff, 150, in the fifth when the latter retired.

Johnny Angel, Nigeria, 162, did well to get up off the canvas to score a good points win over Clarence Prince, Jamaica, 161¼, in eight.

Mick Carney, Halifax, 131½, outpointed Dennis Bonsor, Nottingham, 136, in six . . . Fred Powney, Doncaster, 145½, outpointed Stan Bishop, Brierley Hill, 143, in four.

▸ **SHOREDITCH** . . . Sammy McSpadden, Hamilton & Fulham, 137½, was hard pressed to outpoint Junior Cassidy, Nigeria, 135¾, in a hard fought eight. This was The Scots first bout after a long lay off through illness.

George McSpadden, elder brother of Sammy, boxing as Al Keen, 137, also had a hard road to grind to gain a close points win over Tommy Blackwell, Brixton, 137½, in eight. Alan Whiter, Tooting, 144½, stopped Eddie McDonnell, Castleford, 150, in the third.

Tony Barlow, Manchester, 107, knocked out Ron Elliott, Hackney, 113¾, in the first . . . Al McCarthy, Romford, 132½, stopped Stan Kennedy, West Ham, 136½, in the first.

▸ **MANCHESTER** . . . Jim Swords, Manchester, 153,, did a good job in outpointing the experienced Tunisian, Mahout le Noir, 160, in eight interesting rounds. "Southpaw" Swords, who has thrilled The Free Trade Hall regulars on many occasions with his "Slam Bang" methods, fought cooly and gained the upper hand against the hardhitting Le Noir, by his two-handed attacks to warrant a well earned points win.

Nat Jacobs, Manchester, 147½, knocked out Jack Burley, Hackney, 149, in the first . . . Joe Woodhouse, Glasgow, 132, stopped Sammy Rex George, Nigeria, 130½, in the second. Willie Hart, Glasgow, 162, defeated Billy Linton, Middlesborough, 160, in the second when the latter retired.

Andy Lowe, Manchester, 162, and Charlie Atkinson, Liverpool, 161½, fought a draw in six. Dave Wakefield, Hackney, 162, stopped Joe Leeming, Rugby, 161¾, in the fifth, after the latter received a badly cut eye. Mick Kane, Glasgow, 149, won on points against Steve McManus, Manchester, 152½, in six.

▸ **FINSBURY PARK** . . . Johnny Howard, Holloway, 124¾, successfully defended his Southern Area Featherweight title against Bobby Davies, West Ham, 126, over ten interesting rounds. Howard, although known to be a hard hitting aggressive fighter, was the underdog in the betting against a lad who had shown fine form in the ring by his forceful fighting, and Howards new manager Benny Huntman thought out a plan to have his new recruit turn boxer instead of slugging it out. These tactics paid off.

Tony Barlow, Manchester, 108, stopped Alan Bradshaw, British Guiana, 109½, in the fifth. Stan Kennedy, West Ham, 126¼, reversed a previous one round defeat, by stopping Al McCarthy, Romford, 135, in the fifth. The referee intervening to save McCarthy.

Johnny Brown, Ghana, 146¼, was unfortunate to be declared the loser when he was ruled out in the second for alleged striking his opponent Eric Cartnel, Covenant Garden, 137¾, when the latter was taking his third count. George Hollister, Islington, 173, stopped Tony Ross, Molesley, 179, in the fifth. Micky Marsh, Bath, 127, knocked out Brady Barlow, South Africa, 122¼, in the second.

▸ **SHEPHERDS BUSH** . . . Jimmy Mitchell, Erlsfield, 137¾, stepped right up the ladder with a one round win over Freddie King, Shoreditch, 137¾, when the referee intervened in his favor after King had taken a count, and was in no condition to defend himself.

Harry Pickard, Battersea, 128¾, stopped Ron Rowley, Pontypridd, 130, in the fifth. Tommy Baldwin, Paddington, 158¾, outpointed Roy Thomas, Jamaica, 159½, in six.

Steve Parsons, Northolt, 123, outpointed Frank Meaney, Fulham, 121¾, in six. Richard Atkins, Eltham, 138½, outpointed Dai Harris, Merthyr, 138¾, in six. Gerry Banwell, Merthyr, 148, stopped Eric Young, Walworth, 149, in the fourth. Roland Tills, King's Lynn, 150, knocked out Terry Beeston, Molesley, 152½, in the fifth.

▸ **GLASGOW** . . . Chic Calderwood, Craigneuk, British & Empire Cruiserweight Champion, 178½, enhanced his reputation by scoring a convincing points win over Tommy Fields, Los Angeles, 188½, in a hard fought ten. Calderwood surprised the American in the first when he connected with a right to the jaw which spread-eagled him on the canvas for a "three" count. In the second Fields, recovered from his knockdown and fought back with great courage. In the third, a good right to the body forced Calderwood to crumple to the canvas for a count of "Eight". When The Scot rose, he was overwhelmed by Fields' aggressiveness, but Calderwood did well to weather the storm until the bell. A resurrected Calderwood came out for the fourth, and he never gave the American another chance to connect with his heavy artillery. A good rally in the last two rounds gained Referee Eugene Henderson's points decision for the Scot.

Empire Featherweight Champion, Floyd Robertson, Ghana, 132½, was in good form against Southern Area Lightweight Champion, Dave Parsons, Northolt, 135½, and gained a good points win in ten.

Johnny Morrissey, Newarthill, 126, and Dennis Adjie, Ghana, 127¼, provided the fans with an all action ecounter for ten rounds before referee Jake Kilrain raised the hands of both contestants, denoting a draw . . . The Scot was put down in the eighth for a count of "five".

Brian Smith, Belfast, 128½, and George Hands, Edinburgh, 130, fought a draw in six. Norrie McCulloch, Kilmarnock, 149½, stopped Mike Fleetham, Doncaster, 148, in 1-43 of the first. Panthaer Cyril, Nigeria, 150, stopped Eddie McDonnell. Castleford, 147¼, in the first.

▸ **NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . London . . .** Don Weller, Southpaw from Battersea, 115½, successfully defended his Southern Area Bantamweight Title against Brian Bissmire, West Ham, 118, in ten. Weller, who held a commanding lead in the first eight rounds came in for trouble during the ninth when Bissmire put him down with a combination of jaw punches for "eight." The Battersea rose gamely to last out the round.

In the last the lad was too wild to gain any advantage, and it was only a formula for referee Tommy Little to raise Weller's hand as the winner.

Gerald Jones, Merthyr, 113, gained sweet revenge over Graham Price, Luton, 115, in a thrilling six. The members showed their appreciation by covering the ring with a record downpour of folder money.

Glyn Davies, Merthyr, 122½, defeated Mick Marsh, Bath, 123, who was ruled out for "persistent holding" in the fourth . . . Peter McLaren, Brixton, 147¾, knocked out George Palin, Crewe, 151½, in the third.

DRUMBEATS FROM RHODESIA

By Tommy Miller

▸ **Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia**—At the Harare Stadium, Salisbury, Tiger Sheke retained his Southern Rhodesia featherweight title by outpointing Nyaka Nyaka, Salisbury, over twelve rounds. Although well out-classed, Nyaka Nyaka was always dangerous.

Pikinini Shanda, Gwelo, and Jiwa Majerine, Salisbury, had the crowd roaring all the way in 8 rounds. These well matched featherweights, both of whom are keen for a crack at Tiger Sheke s national title, went at it hammer and tongs with Shanda winning.

Zaka Madziwa of Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia light-heavyweight champion, made hard work of his six rounds points victory over Toro Tawono, Salisbury.

In another light-heavyweight tussle Duli Chida, Salisbury, was proclaimed the winner in the second round when his opponent, Kamwiri of Bindura, was disqualified for going down without being hit.

Mawindi Scotch, Que Que, scored a second round knock-out over Danger No. 1, Salisbury, in a heavyweight melee.

This was the first boxing promotion in Rhodesia for several months, as a protracted rainy season curbed all fistic activity. 5,000 fight fans attended the show which was promoted by Harry Gava.

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending April 24, 1963

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ingemar Johansson defeated Brian London, 12.

Cleveland Williams stopped Young Jack Johnson, 10, but was upset by Ernest Terrell, 10.

Henry Cooper retained the British and Empire titles by stopping Dick Richardson, 5.

Zora Folley was held to a draw by Dean Bogany, 5.

Wayne Bethea upset Franco DePiccoli by scoring a four round kayo, then drew with Giulio Rinaldi, 10.

Mike DeJohn stopped Don McAteer, 6. Jeff Davis outpointed Billy Stephan, 10. Randy Turpin kayoed Eddie Marcano, 6.

Albert Westphal defeated Ulli Ritter, 8, and drew with Federico Friso, 10. Joe Bygraves and win Snoek drew, 10. Arnie Brower defeated Ted Williams, 10.

Bill McMurray stopped George Logan, 8. Bill Nielsen defeated Mariano Echevarria, 10. Echevarria had beaten Jean Huiban, 10.

Gerhard Zech kayoed Sherman Adams, 1. Tommy Fields stopped Plinio Scarbellin, 2.

Bill Nielsen stopped Joe Bygraves, 7. Bill McMurray won over Tiger Lynch, 10. Prentis Snipes kayoed Levi Forte, 7.

Rudy Davis kayoed Billy Tisdale, 6 and Lloyd Washington, 2. Thad Spencer kayoed Alvin Carter, 5. Billy Walker kayoed Joe DiGrazio, 3.

Yvon Durelle kayoed Phonse LaSaga, 1. Levi Forte kayoed Vince Hepburn, 2. Dave Bailey and Jim McCarter drew, 6.

Tiger Lynch kayoed Harland Kelly, 2. Otis Lee and Jim Olive, drew, 6. Eddie Foster and Freeman Hardin, drew, 6.

Henry Wallitsch won from Orvil Veasay, 6. Mac Harrison kayoed Mickey Davis, 2. Arnie Brower kayoed Don Vebust, 3. Rodolfo Diaz won over John Henry, 8.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champion Harold Johnson stopped Tommy Merrill, 9 (non-title).

Giulio Rinaldi drew with heavyweight Wayne Bethea, 10. Paul Roux won from Pekka Kokkonen, 10.

Wayne Thornton and Willie Pastrano, drew, 10. Henry Hank kayoed Dick Young, 1.

Chic Calderwood outpointed Tommy Fields, 10. Gustav Scholz returned to action after a long layoff and beat Yvan Preberg, 10.

Lennart Risberg halted Gilles Dieude, 8. Paul Roux outpointed Georges Torrecillas, 12. Ed Zaremba outscored Roy Sayles, 10.

Hans Wholers defeated Mohamed Saieb, 8. Floyd McCoy halted Johnny Alford, 7. Germinal Ballarin won from Francisco Bermundez, 10.

Neville Rowe decisioned Rupert Bentley, 8, Bentley then was kayoed by Jack Bodell, 3. Wilhelm Von Homburg stopped Pete Gonzales, 3. Sam Pride stopped Junior Washington, 3.

Frank Niblett stopped Bobby Pasquale, 7, but lost to Roger Rouse, 8, and Rouse halted Charley Leslie, 7. Johnny Persol defeated Herschel Jacobs, 6. Sid Carter kayoed Carlos Mendoza, 3.

Johnny Gordon stopped Jim Robertson, 5. Don Webber stopped Bill Davis, 2.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

George Benton stopped Clarence Riley, 6.

Joey Giardello outscored Ernie Burford, 10.

European Champion Laszlo Papp retained his title stopping Peter Muller, 4.

Ted Wright stopped Heini Freytag, 9, L. C. Morgan, 4, and Bruno Santini, 5.

Luis Folledo won from Jan DeVos, 10 and Dante Pelaez, 10.

Joe Gonzalez stopped Rubin Carter, 6.

Nino Benvenuti won the vacant Italian title kayoing Tommaso Truppi, 11. Souleymane Diallo stopped Willie Fisher, 7.

Santiago Gutierrez stopped Del Flanagan, 7. Don Fullmer edged out Eddie Andrews, 10. Lou Gutierrez stopped Joe Gomes, 9.

Joe DeNucci outpointed Mike Pustari, 10, and Joey Giambra, 10. Sandro Mazznighi defeated Tony Montano, 10, and stopped Joe N'Gan, 4.

Lou Gutierrez kayoed Julius Owens, 1, beat Ray Villalona, 8, and halted Ike White, 7. Klaus Stockmann won from Michel Diouf, 8. Don Whitney stopped Cat Robinson, 3.

Larry Carney kayoed Willie Green, 7, but was halted by Joe Gomes, 4. Kelvin Scott defeated Jose Antonio Burgos, 10. Bosse Hoegberg stopped Billy DePriest, 6.

Bobby Horn beat Cal Brown, 10. Fred Roots kayoed Charley Austin, 6. Al Villafara beat Alonzo Harris, 10. Bob Horn halted Louie Garduno, 8.

Tevel Holman kayoed Rafael Arreola, 9. Andy Kendall and Gene Bryant, drew 10. Harold Richardson defeated Teddy Pagan, 8.

Duane Horseman stopped Lee Ballard, 9. Bobby Pena and Negro Veloz, drew, 10. Ted McKane bested Frank Jackson, 6.

Joe Washington stopped Frank Church, 5. Larry Barrett kayoed Freddie Jones, 3. Hilton Thomas won from Levi Campbell, 8.

Frankie Olivera stopped Andy Brooks, 1. Felix Santiago won from Tommy Settles, 6. Rudy Prince stopped Roxell Mosley, 4. Fred Young halted Chuck Tolliver, 4.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Dick Turner outpointed Isaac Logart, 10.

Gaspar Ortega drew with Alvaro Gutierrez, 10.

Joe Stable outscored Curtis Cokes, 10. Stan Harrington won from Manuel Gonzales, 10.

Manuel Alvarez outpointed Mel Barker, 10.

Bruno Visintin defeated Fabio Bettini, 12. Gabe Terronez outpointed Kid Rayo, 10. Rayo then beat Frankie Belma, 10. Manuel Gonzales halted Earl Citizen, 5.

Rocky Kalingo defeated Ben Medina, 10. Johnny Kramer stopped Al Sharpe, 4. Jean Josselin won over Jean Rolland, 10.

Texas Hurtado beat Silky Shelton, 10, Shelton then beat Arturo Astudillo, 10. Pedro Vanegas drew with Willie Laws, 10, Laws then was stopped by Elias Lian, 4.

Abelardo Nunez stopped Larnzar Quarles, 3. Don Whitney beat Jorge Quintero, 8.

Dick French defeated Paul Christie, 10, and Bill Goodman, 8. Beto Martinez won over Chico Diaz, 12. Johnny Gilden defeated Joe Myers, 8.

Billy Lynch defeated Jerry Black, 8. Guido Montoya kayoed Enrique Camarena, 8. Omrane Sadok stopped Jesse Jones, 6.

Laszlo Bagi defeated Aman Peck, 8. Benny Briscoe whipped Chuck McCready, 6. Ricky Ortiz whipped Pete Toro, 8.

Jimm Beasley won over Harry Bellefonte, 8, Joey Durelle stopped Jack Clements, 7. Grey Gavin defeated Young Joe Walcott, 8.

Frank Garza stopped Horace Davis, 3, and Floyd Dalfrey, 4. Arlie Brown beat Wayne Jernigan, 6. Cecil Lewis deefated Eddie Armstrong, 6.

Harold McLean kayoed Howard Merideth, 3. Tank Hill decisioned Dave Morine, 6.

Jorge Quintero beat Eddie Fobbs, 8. Dick French beat Billy Goodman, 8.

Guy Loconte whipped Rafe Reyes, 6, and stopped Gene Garrison, 5, then beat George Briggs, 6. Questa Walker won over Leon Lisscomb, 6.

Paul Nicholas stopped Gil Tapia, 5. Manuel Burgo outpointed George Briggs, 6. Jesus Tanco beat Domingo Ortiz, 6. Joe Watts won from Doug MacLoud, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champion Carlos Ortiz retained his title by kayoing Doug Vaillant, 13.

Paulie Armstead outpointed Jimmy Fields, 12.

Louis Molina defeated Bobby Scanlon, 10. Roberto Crub kayoed Battling Torres, 1.

Jose Napoles whipped Baby Vasquez, 10. Vincente Derado defeated Assia Hashas, 10. Mel Middleton kayoed Louis Ortiz Aponte, 1.

Teruo Kosaka kayoed Hasaki Fujita, 6. Giordano Campari edged Floyd Robertson, 10.

Percy Hayles kayoed Sammy Burgess, 5. Varerio Nunez defeated Mario Vecchiatto, 10.

Jackie Donnelly returned to action and stopped Earl Owens, 3. Joe Lopes and George Page, drew, 10. Valerio Nunez stopped Harold Gomes, 5.

Isorasak Indoradat beat Masao Naruse, 10. Ramon Cervantes stopped Mar Castellanos, 8.

Al Franklin decisioned Benito Juarez, 6, Carlos Celis whipped Ruben Rivera, 10. Young Terror defeated Noel DeLeon, 10.

Hilario Espana stopped Pichon Ramirez, 6. Fernand Chretien stopped Richie Grassley, 7. Kid Anahuac beat Manolo Mora, 10.

Battling Kid kayoed Kid Dinamita, 6. Rudy Garcia stopped Lorenzo Torres, 5. Rafael Navarro stopped Jamie Cruz, 3.

Pancho Castenado won from Art Cox, 8. Gene Toran kayoed Teddy Grice, 4. Frank Narvaez defeated Tommy Griffiin, 8.

Marcel Bizien outpointed Baby Beau Jack, 8. Jerry Brewer won from Johnny Bean, 6. Pancho Castanado defeated Al Andrews, 8.

Fouvale Luto stopped Jimmy Costa, 4, but lost to Lionel Rivera, 6. Bobby Allen won from Eddie Ludlow, 6. Fernand Chretein kayoed Teddy Grice, 4.

Arnie Cotarobles whipped Battling Siki, 8, but lost to Sammy Norman, 6. Willie McCrea defeated Frank Holloway, 8.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Mitsunori Seki kayoed Kwang Joo Lee, 7.

Yves Desmarets won the French title beating Rene Battiere, 15.

Jet Bally kayoed Ikko Toratani, 3. Yuji Masuka kayoed Gino Murry, 5.

Floyd Robertson won over Dave Parsons, 10, but lost to lightweight Giordano Campari, 10. Wally Taylor defeated Aldo Pravisani, 12.

Robert Truco decisioned Serafin Garcia, 10. Eloy Sanchez defeated Tacuba Uribe, 10. Carlos Hernandez decisioned Moi Torres, 10.

Frankie Taylor kayoed Lennie Williams, 6. Mario Diaz stopped Placido Rodriguez, 8, Kid Tano halted Francisco Carreno, 3, but lost to Jose Luis Biescas 12.

Johnny Morrissey and Dennis Adjie, drew, 10. Rogelio Fernandez upset Efren Jimenez, 10. Tommy Haden stopped George Colton, 5.

Elysee Castre won over Jean Leroux, 10. Jose Angel Zamora won over Ardilla Garcia, 10. Antonio Martin beat Joe Buck, 10, and stopped Pierre Cossemyns, 7.

Carlos Agarao stopped Hermelinido Mondragon, 8. Pulga Serrano decisioned Chihuahua Kid, 10. Jose Jimenez stopped Galkito Gonzalez, 2, and Chilo Barranco, 8.

Terry Crimmins stopped Freddie Dobson, 7. Curly Ramirez kayoed Chucho Saucedo, 5. Paul Alba kayoed Jesse Alvarado, 2.

Grady McLendon stopped Santos Flores, 5. Manny Sanchez won from Chucho Oliva, 10. Larry Flores kayoed Avelino Felix, 3.

Jorge Gonzalez kayoed Chebo Salazar, 2, but lost to Grillo Duran, 10. Frankie Taylor beat Peter Lavery, 8. Juan Lopez defeated Pollero Garcia, 10.

Ray Etchaverria won over Rudy Soriano, 6. Blackie Zamora stopped Jesse Alaniz, 5, and beat Antonio Martinez, 8.

Frankie Duarte defeated Celo Elloby, 6. Jerry Powers stopped Berlin Roberts, 3. Jerry Fabrizzo and Jerry Matthews, drew, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World Champion Eder Jofre retained his title stopping Katsutoshi Aoki, 3.

Ismael Laguna outpointed Auburn Copeland, 10.

Fighting Harada defeated Tetsuro Kawai, 10.

Humberto Barrera upset Jorge Salazar, 10. Pierre Cossemyns was stopped by featherweight Antonio Martin, 7.

Federico Scarponi drew with Primo Zamparini, 12. Goyo Sanchez kayoed Babe Palomares, 4.

Johnny Jamito beat Marcel Juban, 12. Gene Aragon outpointed Billy Males, 12. Alex Jimenez won over Memo Vega, 10.

Pierre Vetroff defeated Michel Atlan, 12. Ray Asis kayoed Pepino Morales, 2, and Enrique Macias, 3. Risto Luukkonen edged out Sugar Ray, 10. Daniel Valdez kayoed Miguel Aguero, 7.

Vincente Garcia beat Chamaco Figueroa, 10. Don Weller whipped Brian Bissmire, 10. Raul Vega won from Jamie Perez, 10.

Osito Galvan kayoed Nabor Gonzalez, 5. Curly Aguirre stopped Marcing David, 5. Raciel Mendoza kayoed Elias Vargas, 9.

Ernesto Barrera drew with Arturo Vasquez, 10, and Teo Sandoval, 10, Teo then drew with Juan Castanon, 10.

Torito Mota halted Tacuba Hernandez, 5. Chilango Gomez kayoed Chatito Ochoa, 8.

Chino Vera stopped Julio Moreno, 10. Jose Lopez kayoed Joe Valdez, 8. Michel Lamora bested Jacques Jacob, 10.

Morie Narita defeated Masakatsu Kuroki, 10. Ray Lewis won from Paul Sebastian, 6, Paul also lost to Walter Nakama, 6.

Armando Villa kayoed Silverio Lopez, 1, and Hilario Ovalle, 1. Luis Patino stopped Francisco Valdes, 4.

FLYWEIGHTS

Bernardo Caraballo kayoed Jose Godoy, 4, and Baby Colon, 3.

Natalio Jiminez defeated Ramon Arias, 10.

Mimun Ben Ali outscored Rafael Fernandez, 12.

Leo Zulueta whipped Henry Acido, Alacran Torres kayoed Changa Munoz, 4, and Juan Amador, 1.

Chico Jasso kayoed Bobby Borjan, 2, and beat Changa Magallanes, 10. Julio Diaz beat Guido Hernandez, 6. Jose Valenzuela kayoed Babe Lopez, 6.

Primo Famiro drew with Puntip Keosuriya, 10.

Manuel Flores whipped Juan Carrillo, 10. Chuy Rocha defeated Mario Gonzalez, 10.

Takeshi Nakamura and Ki Jae Lim, drew, 10. Jojo Morales kayoed Pedro Mariscal, 2. Jesus Shernandez halted Enrique Hernandez, 6.

Alfonso Cazares kayoed Jose Avalos, 5. Primo Famiro and Puntip Keasuriya, drew, 10.

Tom Rico whipped Young Bonnie, 10, and David Asuncion, 10. Justo Valdez beat Luis Cardenes, 6, and Daniel Ortiz, 6. Baby Lorona and Ric Magramo, drew, 10. Rudy Somodio kayoed Al Cid, 2.

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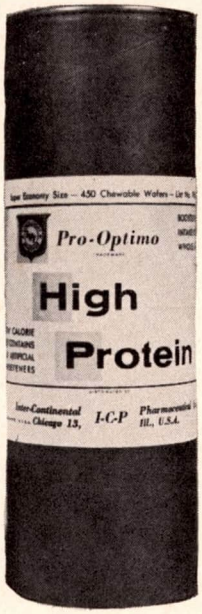

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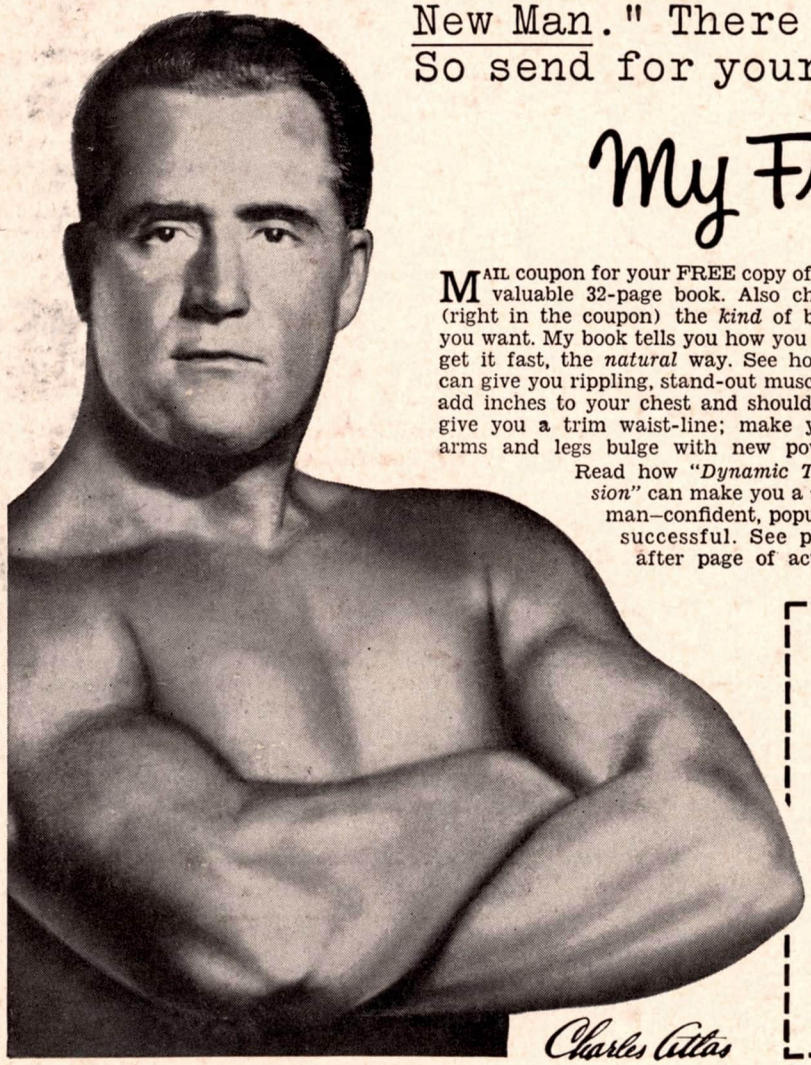

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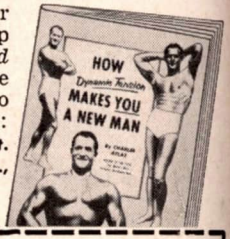

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